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Selective slaughter likely as confidence plummets and McDonald's drops British beef

Ministers set to back killing of 4m cattle

By Philip Webster, Michael Hornsby and Charles Bremner

THE Government is near to deciding to slaughter more than four million cattle in a drastic move to restore confidence in British beef.

Killing all animals aged more than two-and-a-half years emerged last night as the option most favoured by ministers as they tackle the crisis caused by the disclosure of possible links between 'mad cow" disease and its human form, Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease.

The plan could cost more than to billion in compensation but the Government would look for "considerable" assistance with the costs from the European Union.

An announcement on a policy of "selective slaughter" is expected within days.

Ministers will today consider the latest advice of leading scientists on the safety of feeding beef to children. A statement to the Commons is expected this afternoon from Stephen Dorrell, the Health

The Government's advisory committee on BSE met over the weekend at the Sunningdale Civil Service college in Berkshire and was to pass its recommendations to Kenneth Calman, the Chief Medical Officer, last night, Ministers will not be surprised if the committee has also recommended a slaughter policy.

As one hamburger chain. McDonald's, announced that it had stopped using British beef and another. Burger King, said it was closely monitoring events. Douglas

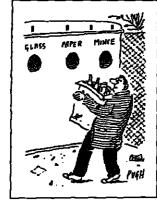
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Hogg, the Agriculture Minis-ter, disclosed that slaughtering was under consideration to repair confidence which he admitted had been grievously damaged.

Mr Hogg said on BBC1's
On the Record that there were advantages in focusing on older cows because there were very few cases of BSE confirmed in cattle under the age of 30 months, and because the number of cattle with the disease which were born after the offal ban in 1989 was very limited. It would, he said, be focusing on the core of the

Sources later divulged that the slaughter of older cows was one of three central op-



tions that had confronted the

Government. One was the Doomsday scenario of killing the entire British herd of 11 million cattle, which would cost £20 billion and has in effect been rejected. The other is the possibility of slaughtering all herds in which BSE has

beef cattle.

rid of older dairy cows which are the animals most likely to have eaten contaminated feed. If a policy of selective slaughter is adopted, the animals will probably be killed by lethal injection on the farm. This is the method currently used to kill animals which develop visible symptoms. Nearly 160,000 cattle have been put down and incinerated since the first case was diagnosed in 1986. Mr Hogg said: "I would

been found, which would

mean the killing of hundreds of thousands of healthy young

Some farmers were reluc-

tantly coming to the view last

night that mass slaughter

might be the only way to

restore consumer confidence,

even though many entirely

healthy animals would be

destroyed in the process and it

could take years to rebuild

But Ian Gardiner, policy

director at the National Farm-

ers' Union, said: "It would be

hard to justify destroying ani-mals in herds which have

However, experts say it

would be one way of getting

never had a case of BSE."

pedigree breeding stocks.

certainly look to our colleagues in the European Union to provide very sub-



There was a difference at McDonald's yesterday as Big Macs came off the menu

stantial assistance through the common agricultural policy." Pressure on embattled beef producers could mount today when European Union officials in Brussels consider a

beef has been quarantined by ten EU states. Franz Fischler,

the EU's Austrian Farm Comcontinent-wide ban. British

missioner, holds responsi-bility for a final decision. which will be put to the full Commission on Wednesday. Germany is leading the campaign for a blanket ban.

Horst Seehofer, the Bonn Health Minister, said the pro-

posals for limited slaughter were "highly unsatisfactory and not acceptable". Ivan Yates, the Irish Agriculture Minister, said it was time to fence off British beef.

"We are supporting an effect-

ive trade ban on British beef

outside of Britain," he said.

Fast food chain takes burgers off the menu

McDONALD's this weekend showed the ruthless commercial instinct that has made them the world's most successful hamburger chain - they took Big Macs off the menu.

The decision to withdraw hamburgers from the menus of 660 outlets ahead of scientists' recommendations on the safety of British beef wrongfooted rivals, angered meat suppliers and pulled the rug from under the Govern-

For the first time since the company came to Britain 26 years ago the beef burger has given way to "no beef at all" as McDonald's unique selling point. British beef will be returned to wholesalers and fresh supplies brought in from Holland in time for burgers made "exclusively from non-British beef" to be back on the menu by Thursday.

At a series of meetings at the company headquarters in Finchley, north London, executives took the decision to launch a costly exercise to protect their biggest seller against mounting public anxi-

McDonald's two million customers, who eat 1.8 million hamburgers a day, were greeted with a choice of chicken, fish or the new vegetarian burger yesterday.

The public announcement, which came at 11.38pm on Saturday, was carefully timed to achieve maximum publicity. It is followed up by fullpage advertisements in every national newspaper today. Paul Preston, chief executive of McDonald's UK, emphasises that the company has faith in the safety of British beef but insists that it cannot ignore a "growing loss of consumer confidence". He Mr Preston

emphasised that his company

would buy British beef once consumer confidence re-

Philip Dorgan, food retail SGST, said yesterday: "Mc-Donald's has taken a gigantic leap into the unknown. If they had not made it they might have had nobody eating their burgers on Monday, whereas now they are more likely to be back when they are back on sale on Thursday.

"It is a sensible position to adopt because so many par-



ents are now saying to their children you are not allowed to eat beef any more. It is a completely different situation to what happened with the BSE scare a few years ago. This time all bets are off and anything can happen."

McDonald's marketing staff, brought in specially to field inquiries yesterday, emphasised that the decision was made without any considpoll among customers yesterday showed that customers were opting for the alternatives on offer.

Speaking on Radio 4's The World This Weekend, Mr Continued on page 2, col 3

Breast cancer on the retreat

Breast cancer, the greatest Western world, is in retreat after three decades during which the toll mounted to record levels. A comparison of death rates in 20 countries has shown that in 16 the steep rise in earlier years has levelled off or started to fall. The UK recorded the biggest

Man 'hunted backpackers'

An Australian court will be told that a man accused of murdering seven backpackers hunted some of his young victims like wild animals. Ivan Milat, 51, faces trial for the serial killing of two British women, three Germans and an Australian couple in bushland in New South ..Page 13

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Lilley tempts small benefit cheats with an amnesty

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

offered an amnesty to reduce the £3 billion a year fraud bill. They will be urged to surrender themselves to the Department of Social Security in return for an exemption from prosecution. Advertisements on buses and billboards will ask people to ring a special number if they are worried that they are being paid benefits to which they are not entitled. They will be invited for an interview and given the chance to repay the money. Three pilot schemes are

being introduced in London on April 2. If they work, there may be a national amnesty. To counter suggestions that the DSS is going soft, teams of up to 60 investigators will be sent to the areas to put pressure on

false claimants. Many people drift into bene-

BENEFIT cheats are to be fit fraud by, for example, failing to admit a change in their income or circumstances. They can then feel too frightened to report themselves to

> Prosecuting in minor cases can be seen as a waste of effort because the courts are inclined to treat them leniently. Some Conservative backbenchers will, nevertheless, be infuriated at benefit cheats being allowed to avoid facing justice. In some cases, the DSS is likely to let people escape prosecution without having to

the DSS.

return the money.
Fighting benefit fraud is one of the key strategies of Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretaryfor reducing the so-cial security budget which will be 190 billion this year — a steep rise from only £56 billion six years ago. The Commons Social Security Select Committee, on a visit to New Zealand, found that a successful amnesty had saved £10 million, with

celled and a further 4,500 Frank Field, the Labour MP who chairs the committee, called last month for amnesties to be offered in Britain to all those coming forward to close a fraudulent account.

more than 7,000 benefits can-

A freephone hotline will be introduced to encourage people to report suspected like minicab offices and building sites will be targetted, and there will be extra home visits

to claimants. The amnesty is part of a campaign called "Spotlight On Benefit Cheats" which will begin in Croydon, Haringey and Enfield next week.

Sinn Fein dashes hopes of ceasefire

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT MARTIN McGUINNESS. 2

leading member of Sinn Fein. indicated last night that there was no prospect of an imminent IRA ceasefire unless Britain gave "absolute guaran-tees" that it would convene unconditional all-party talks. Speaking at the end of Sinn Fein's conference, he called on London to abandon its plans for elections and its demands that the IRA must disarm, Mr. McGuinness said: "Sinn Fein wants Britain to make it quite clear that there are guarantees that meaningful and real negotiations without preconditions will take place. There is no guarantee that that will secure an IRA ceasefire. But if people like us can be assured.

But Mr McGuinness insisted it would be "ridiculous" for him to to go to the IRA to call

it gives us something to work

for another ceasefire in the

immediate future. Earlier John Austin-Walker. a left-wing Labour MP, won applause at the conference for attacking John Major's handling of the peace process. The Woolwich MP, who is chairman of the Campaign Group of Labour MPs, praised Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams and said Mr Major's plan for elections in Northern Ireland showed that the Prime Minister had eaten too much beef.

A spokesman for Tony Blair, the Labour leader, said he regarded Mr Austin-Walker's decision to speak at the conference as "foolish". Lab-our chiefs believe the MP has made a mistake by sharing a platform with Sinn Fein when there has been no renewal of the ceasefire.

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Woman takes over reins of the Derby

BY RICHARD EVANS RACING CORRESPONDENT

THE future of one of the great events of

the social and sporting calendar is to be entrusted to a woman for the first time. Sue Elien, a businesswoman, has been recruited to revive the flagging fortunes of the Derby, the world's most famous Flat race which has been run every year since 1780.

Mrs Eilen, who until recently ran Bupa, the private medical company,

which has a £240 million appual turnover, will be confirmed this week as managing director of United Racecourses, which owns Epsom, Sandown and Kempton.

The appointment of Mrs Ellen, 47, in a sport dominated by men, was made by Christopher Sporborg, deputy chairman of Hambros and a Jockey Club member. Christopher Spence, the new High Sheriff of Berkshire and fellow Jockey Club member, and David Hillyard, managing director of Racecourse Hold-

ings Trust, the Jockey Club-owned subsidiary which bought United Racecourses for £30 million two years ago. The task facing Mrs Ellen is formida-

ble. Heading the priority list will be the future of the Derby, whose popularity has declined significantly. The mile-anda-half classic was moved last year from its traditional spot on the first Wednesday in June to a Saturday in an attempt to increase public interest.

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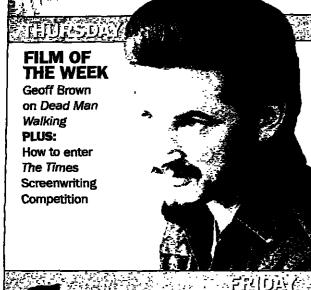
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THIS WEEKIN Major seeks Clarke backing on EMU referendum pledge Ministers believe Mr Clarke which is believed to include rough survey of MPs have Africa for the past ten days is

By PHILIP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN MAJOR will meet Kenneth Clarke this week in an attempt to secure the Chancellor's backing for an early pledge that the Government would hold a referendum before joining a European single currency.

Amid signs that Mr Clarke's misgivings over a referendum have stronger support within the Cabinet than so far recognised, the Prime Minister will try to persuade him of the electoral advantages of making a commitment now to consulting the

would go along with a referen-dum only if Mr Major also made it plain that the Cabinet of the day would be bound by collective responsibility to support entry to a single currency in the public campaign, and if Mr Major insisted that granting a referendum now would not lead to similar plebiscites on other European issues, as

Although there is believed to be a Cabinet majority in favour of a referendum pledge, several senior figures, including Michael Heseltine, Sir Patrick Mayhew, Stephen Dorrell and Sir George Young, share Mr Clarke's reservations. Another group.

lan Lang, the Board of Trade President, are prepared to go along with a referendum, but would have preferred the issue to have been tackled at a later stage. Michael Portillo, a longtime opponent of a referendum, will go along with the judgment of the majority.

Some have criticised Mr Major for bowing to pressure from Conservative Central Office to bring forward the Cabinet discussion. They would have preferred to have left the issue open.

The Labour leadership. which is also expected to pledge a referendum, has decided against an early announcement even though a shown a big majority in favour of a commitment.

Most of Mr Clarke's Cabinet colleagues believe it unlikely that he would resign over the issue. But Mr Major. Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, and Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman, who strongly support the idea of a pledge now, will want to be sure of that before any announcement is made.

Mr Heseltine has been heading the efforts to keep Mr Clarke on board and will continue to do so when Mr Rifkind's paper on the detailed implications of a referendum is circulated this week. Mr Clarke, who has been in South row or on Wednesday.

As Mr Major prepared for the Turin summit on Friday that will launch the inter-governmental conference on the future of Europe, Italy again yesterday raised Tory hackles by pledging to use its EU presidency to drive forward a federalist agenda. Susanna Agnelli, the Foreign Minister. said on BBC1's Breakfast with Frost that people should be delighted if a united states of Europe came about. She warned Britain it was pointless to expect to defend its national veto on controversial Brussels proposals.

expected to have a "head-tohead" with Mr Major tomor-

> change sentencing published today. Lawyers would be barred from trying to blacken a victim's character by asking about former partners and would be allowed only to ask about the attack that was the subject of the trial. The move follows wide-

spread concern at the manner in which some rape victims have been treated in the witness box. Labour believes that hostile questioning may be one reason for the decline in the conviction rate in rape cases.

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Change in

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Rape victims would be

spared the ordeal of being

questioned in court about

their previous sexual history

under Labour proposals to

Gun tests urged

Pyschological profiling of all gun licence applicants is among measures to be discussed this week at the annual conference of the police superintendents' association. Currently only an informal character reference is required. The officers also want gun club members to be forced to leave weapons at clubs. They hope Lord Cullen, who is investigating the Dunblane massacre, will endorse the proposals.

Height of winter

Old people in West Yorkshire have had to depend on their postcodes for cold weather payments of £8.50 a week. Two weather stations only 13 miles apart, one of which is nearly 700ft higher than the other, have recorded such different temperatures that pensioners in the Leeds and Wakefield postcode areas have received one payment, while those with a Bradford postcode have had six during the same period.

Royal trademark

The Prince of Wales had registered "Highgrove" as 2 trademark to protect sales of royal products including marmalade, table mats and fudge. A range of 20 items is to go on sale from today bearing the logo of the new brand which is named after estate. He cannot use his own crest for commercial purposes, so the Highgrove logo is a single gold feather from a 1911 design.

Suspect guarded

A man aged 29 was under police guard in hospital last night suspected of murder after a young couple were found stabbed to death at a house in West Molesey. Surrey, on Saturday night. The emergency services had forced entry to the house in response to a call from neighbours who had reported a disturbance. Michelle Lander, 34, and Gary Stephenson, 23, were pronounced dead at the scene.

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Book stores

Village shops may soon branch out into offering a library service after the success of a pilot scheme in which four stores in Norfolk doubled as libraries. John Creber, an assistant director of Norfolk's library service, said: "We've found it's ideal for communities with a population over 1,200 but for smaller villages the mobile library is a better bet." Shopkeepers taking part receive training in librarianship.

Universities put teamwork skills on wanted list

By David Charter, education correspondent

SKILLS in teamwork and come requirements for university entry under plans to reform A levels. The Government's wide-ranging review of qualifications will recommend this week that numeracy, computers and problem solving should be studied by every sixth-former.

In response, Ucas, the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service, is planning to allocate points to core skills so they can be used alongside A levels as a passport to higher education. The points will also be used to compile a new generation of league ta-

bles, intended to show better

the all-round performance of

schools as well as pupils. Core skills are already a requirement in the vocational alternative to A level, the advanced GNVQ. They are assessed by the classroom teacher during the student's course and recorded in a separate log book. For example, to complete the core skill in communication, students have to record group discussions they took part in and show how they made a posi-

tive contribution.

the sixth-form syllabus and a CBI survey placed communi-cation skills top among the options. Only last month, the Education Select Committee. reporting on the future of qualifications, said traditional academic A levels were too narrow, and sixth-formers should all have to pass literacy and numeracy tests.

Sir Ron Dearing, who is reviewing qualifications, is unlikely to make core skills compulsory, but points towards university entry would be a strong incentive for students to do them alongside A levels or vocational qualifications. Ucas has decided to scrap the present points system used by universities when they make an offer of a place to prospective students. The tradition of asking for a certain number of points, with an A grade worth 10, a B & a C 6, a D 4 and an E 2, is privately considered a nonsense by

Ucas officials. One said: "No one can say with any certainty that an A is five times better than an E, particularly as an A is awarded with 70 per cent and an E at 40 per cent. The arithmetic does not stack up." The official Employers have led the call confirmed: "It is our intention for core skills to be included in to give points for core skills." confirmed: "It is our intention

Students vote today on loans campaign

STUDENTS are poised to abandon their traditional demand for bigger grants in favour of a united campaign vice-chancellors changes to the loans system.

Reformers among the National Union of Students believe they have a small majority for change among the 1,800 delegates at their annual conference in Blackpool, which starts today. A fighting for bigger grants would wreck plans for an unprecedented rally alongside lecturers and vice-chancellors, calling for a new funding system. Opponents accuse the NUS of doing the Labour Party's bidding by convincing students to make a contribution to their education.



Members of the Army's 5th Airborne Brigade leaping from a Hercules during a parachute drop on Salisbury Plain as part of Exercise Winged Avenger at the weekend

Fast food chain pulls burgers off the menu

Continued from page 1 Preston said: "It is not a publicity stunt. This is very sincere. Those two million people, who we serve every day, are telling us that British beef burgers is a concern to them and that they would like to know what McDonald's is doing about it. It is a matter of

consumer confidence." McDonald's, said to take some meat from one in every

12 cattle slaughtered, only accounts for 3 per cent of the 900,000 tonnes of beef eaten in this country anually. It spends £50 million a year on the meat. A National Farmers Union spokesman described the boy-

cott as "regrettable". Meanwhile Egon Ronay, the food writer, urged consumers to rejoice at the removal of "inedible" hamburgers from the menu. Burger King

would do the public a huge favour by striking "Whoppers" and associated beef

products off its menu, too. "In my opinion the only really bad items at these places are the beef burgers," he said. "They are inedible. They just do not taste of beef. But many of the other items they sell are very good and this is a good chance for people to Burger King, McDonald's main rival, said it was "monitoring the situation" but hinted that it would soon follow suit. Other chains such as Wimpy, Wendy's and Star-burger had made no immedi-

ate decision. A statement from Burger King said that the company's first priority was the safety of its customers. "We remain confident in the quality and

high standards of our products. All the beef in our burgers comes from prime cuts from the forequarter and flank of the animal. We do not use offal or mechanically recovered meat in our products. "We feel it is prudent to

await the information from the Government's scientific advisory committee so that we can make an informed

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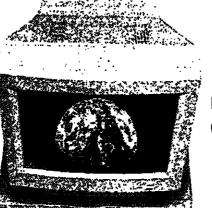
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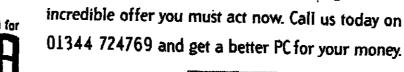
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Coroner seeks new inquest on officer shot in exercise



Captain Kelly: he died after

A CORONER has taken the rare step of appealing to the High Court to overturn an inquest verdict on a captain in The Parachute Regiment who was shot during a training exercise.

Potentially crucial information relating to the death of Captain Christopher Kelly, 26, was not submitted by the Army to the inquest at Southwark Crown Court in January 1995.

Three verbal warnings from a major who had taken part in the training exercise in Kenya, about the danger of a "serious accident". were not made known to the only eight days before the accident, which was two years ago today. The captain, who was educated at Cambridge, suffered fatal gunshot wounds at Archers Post, Kenya, on March 25, 1994.

He died five weeks later. Captain Kelly, who had become engaged a month earlier, had mistakenly positioned his 11-man anti-tank platoon in the line of fire of advancing troops and a private mistook his silhouette for a wood-

His parents, who have cam-

paigned unsuccessfully for the

publication of the Army's board of

the Ministry of Defence for negligence. The major, who was back in

inquiry into the accident, are suing Kelly, have formally served notice their intention to sue the Ministry of Defence for damages

Army's special investigation branch about Captain Kelly's death. He wrote a report in which he reiterated his warnings of the

risk of a serious accident. The report, and his verbal warnings, were not made known to Sir Montague Levine, the Southwark Coroner, who conducted the inquest. They will form the basis of a new inquest if the High Court accepts the application from Sir Montague to quash for May. the original verdict of accidental

His parents, Denis and Suzanne loval to the end. We have been told for alleged negligence. The Royal

advising the family of Captain Kelly, was made aware of the major's warnings and report last

The details were passed to the coroner who referred the information to Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attorney-General. He has given the coroner leave to appeal to the High Court to quash the inquest verdict and set up a new hearing. A hearing has now been scheduled

Mrs Kelly, who lives in Crowthorne, Berkshire, a short distance from Sandhurst staff college where her son trained, said yesterday: "My son was totally committed to the Army. He was

him. But what do these lads get in return? The regiment was marvellous after his death but the Ministry of Defence is blocking us. at every turn. They even told us. not to bother attending the inquest because it was only a formality. It was only the intervention of the coroner which ensured I was present. I was astonished to see how many legal advisers the Army had assembled for a supposedly

returned a verdict by a 7-2 majority. The Ministry of Defence has held a board of inquiry but its conclusions have not been published. Mrs Kelly said: We have

routine formality." The inquest

lasted six days and the jury

about the inquiry but there is always some excuse. At times you feel like giving up but the Royal British Legion has been a tremendous support to us. Without it we might simply have given up. If it had not been for the fact that my son was an officer we might have been treated even worse."

After the inquest Sir Montague called for a review to ensure that commanders in any live firing exercise should be aware that every section was in its correct position. He said there should also be a review of methods of taping all radio messages passed between different units. The evidence, he said, "appears to bristle with conflicts and doubts".

Science teacher takes gifts and advice to her adopted tribe

By CAROL MIDGLEY

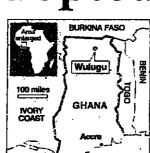
LYNNE SYMONDS was last week demonstrating the mild oxidation of ethanol to pupils at the independent girls' school in Norfolk where she teaches science. In a few days' time she will be playing to a very different audience as she is inaugurated as the new chief of a tribe in Ghana.

Mrs Symonds, 42, whose husband is a pig farmer, sets off at the weekend to become third in command of the Mamprusi tribe, which traditionally gives her the power to mete out the death sentence. Leaders in the village of Wulugu decided to give her the title Mamprugipuidinaba

although she will be known as Madame Lynne -- after she visited their school and organised an appeal in Britain for textbooks. Its success enabled a library to be set up.

Mrs Symonds should now be saving her hair and nail clippings to be buried with her after death, but vesterday she was more concerned with what traditional English gifts

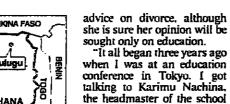
"I thought an inscribed pewter tankard would be nice for the Nayiiri, the paramount



chief, and some T-shirts for some of the women and children," she said. "My husband Roger has collected some footballs for the boys and I will take over some books about

Mrs Symonds, who has daughters aged 19 and 24, and her husband will fly to Accra on Sunday and make the 473mile journey by car to Wulugu, one of the most under-developed villages in Ghana. Throughout the fourhour chief-making ceremony she will sit on a throne of animal skins dressed in tribal robes and hold a walking stick which is linked to the health

and success of the chief. She will then be empowered to settle disputes between her subjects in 13 villages and offer



at Wulugu, and he asked me how I coped when one of my pupils died. I was a bit shocked and

explained that our pupils didn't die. It turned out that one of his 16-year-old girls had become very ill after an abortion which went wrong and this was not uncommon. Mrs Symonds learnt that

facilities were very poor. Girls whose families lived in villages miles from the school were forced to board with locals, which often led to abuse. She began the books appeal and set about trying to forge links between schools in Britain and Ghana and is passionate about developing science education. She is also helping to raise money to build a boarding house for the 80 girl pupils so they can sleep in safety. So far £5,000 has

Partly as a result of the library, which is stocked with Shakespeare plays and science



Lynne Symonds taking a sixth form chemistry class at Hethersett Old Hall with, left to right, Sarah Cowey, Khaleeda Siraj and Emma Scott

textbooks, five Wulugu students have gained entrance to

university "I expect my main role will be to advise local women. particularly on education dev-"Education is a major step to putting right a lot of Third World problems. Women need to be able to read the instructions on a seed packet or box of contraceptives. Many women sell food for a living but if they cannot read or write they can be taken advantage of."

benefits were not just one way. "The girls at my school. Old Hall, are learning so much about a completely different culture. We have started letter exchange schemes which I am hoping other schools in Britain will ioin in too."

She added: "It doesn't intime and is really just about the pupils writing letters. They get a wider view of the world and wonderful insight into another culture."

Mrs Symonds, who will spend 12 days in Ghana before returning to her school and home in Hethersett, expects to twice a year as flights to Accra cost more than £500, even with

a charity fare discount. Most

of her advice will be transmit-

ted by letter. While in Wulugu she will eat rice, sweet potatoes, eggs and guinea fowl. During her last visit the governor of the "The next time I saw it was when we had liver for break-

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Flap over cat could be settled by DNA

A COUPLE who went to court to have DNA tests on a Burmese cat claimed yesterday that the results prove it was their missing pet. John and June Bell said they now hoped Jim and Marion

Somers would hand him over. The Bells, from Inverkip near Greenock, lost their pet, called Jack, in April 1994. They went to court at the end of last year convinced they had tracked him down Glencarse, near Perth, but the Somers — who call the cat Clyde - disputed it was Jack. A sheriff finally decided that

DNA tests should be carried out and blood was taken from the cat to compare with samples from Jack's sister and father. Mrs Bell, who runs dog

kennels with her husband. said yesterday: "We have got the results and it is definitely Jack. I am delighted. I have known all along." The Bells expect the matter

will return to Perth Sheriff Court to be concluded. The Somers were not available for

Woman to sue after elephant's log trick

LONDON ZOO is being sued by a woman who claims an elephant hurled a branch that struck her on the head. Fatma Huseyin, 24. of

Palmers Green, north London, was visiting the zoo with her boyfriend when the alleged incident happened. Ibrahim Sabri. 33. also from Palmers Green. said: "I had to soak up the blood with a packet of cigarette papers. The first aid post was closed for some reason."

Ms Huseyin was taken by taxi to the University College Hospital casualty department where she needed three stitches. Since then she says she has suffered from headaches and sickness. Paul Cairaschi. her solici-

tor. said: "Fortunately the stitches are above her hair-line. We believe that the log should not have been in the enclosure in the first place and that patrons should not be put at risk like this.

The zoo refused to get an ambulance for Faima because she was not unconscious, and then reluctantly



agreed to pay for a taxi to take her to hospital." A spokesman for London Zoo said that the incident was

being investigated internally. She said: "London Zoo can confirm that a member of the public received medical attention from a qualified first aid certificate holder following an incident in the elephant house. *London Zoo policy states

that if a visitor loses consness, an ambulance is called automatically and immediately. The first aider believed the visitor would need stitches on her forehead and therefore organised a taxi to take her to hospital. On departure, the visitor asked for her thanks to be transmitted to the duty manager and other staff."

Tribesmen prepare to meet lamb of God

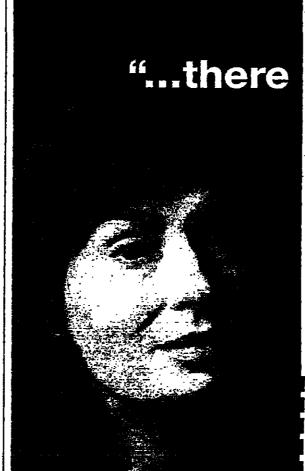
flown 10,000 miles from Nottingham to Papua New Guinea because members of a remote tribe and their children want to see one for the first time. The tribe made the bizarre request after reading about lambs in Bibles supplied by missionaries.

A STUFFED lamb is to be

The children were fascinated by the creatures and missionaries contacted the Natural History Museum in London to ask for one. The museum contacted Wollaton Hall Museum in Nottingham. which has a collection of stuffed animals and staff there obtained the lamb from Helen

Sharp, a taxidermist. Miss Sharp, of Stapleford, Nottinghamshire, said: There are a lot of lambs in the Bible and the children were curious about them. The Natural History Museum no longer employs taxidermists so they passed the request on to me. With this lamb they can see the size of the animal and fee! its coat." The lamb, which died of natural causes, will go to New Guinea next month

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Baronet sacks wife as school head

THE owner of a prep school has sacked his wife from her post as headmistress amid allegations that she had an affair with the director of studies. Sir Alford Houstoun-Boswall, 48, called a staff meeting at the Harrodian School last week and announced that Eliana, 51, had been dismissed.

Guy Holloway. a 28-yearold Cambridge graduate, resigned as director of studies last week. Martin Carcon, the deputy headmaster, is the new acting head in charge of more than 100 pupils at the school

where fecs are £6.000 a year. A reacher at the school said vesterday: "There was a meeting on Tuesday and Sir Alford sacked his wife as headmistress. Guy resigned more than a week ago and all the staff are



allegedly had an affair with Guy Holloway

very sorry because we were extremely fond of all of them." The couple are to divorce after 25 years of marriage. They founded the school in September 1993 on a site previously occupied by Harrods' sports and social club in Barnes, southwest London. The pair, whose children are

Alexander, 23, and Julia, 17,

battle with Harrods over the use of the name "Harrodian". The department store claimed that the name had been used in connection with Harrods for more than 100 years, but lost the case.

Last year Sir Alford, the eighth Baronet, sent bailiffs to Harrods to select goods worth

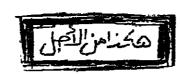
court bill. Harrods was granted an appeal last month against his use of the Harrodian name. Mr Holloway, who read English literature at Peter-

house. Cambridge. shared

£130,000 for seizure to settle a

Lady Houstoun-Boswall's high expectations for the students. She chose him as director after he had tutored her daughter when the family in Paris. In Mr Holloway's English classes, he expected eight-year-olds to read Romeo and Juliet and to be able to take dictation from Donne, Virginia Woolf and

James Joyce. Sir Alford, a former New York art lecturer, is said to be sharing his home with a 28year-old Bangladeshi woman. The family's £1.6 million home in Kensington, west London.



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Ulster security details posted on the Internet

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

A TERRORISTS "crib sheet" giving detailed information about MI5 installations and military bases in Northern Ireland, together with RUC stations, has been posted on entry placed by Sinn Fein

supporters on a site run from within an American university. In Britain the information could contravene the Prevention of Terrorism Act. the Emergency Powers Act and the Official Secrets Act. but police are powerless to act. Anti-terrorist officers in London are concerned at the detail and breadth of the material, as well as its propaganda value. The site also includes fund-raising appeals.

Andrew Hunter, chairman of the Conservative's Northern Ireland group and MP for Basingstoke, said he planned to raise Sinn Fein's use of the Internet with Sir Patrick Mayhew, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. He said the entry was clearly propaganda. "It sounds horrifying. I had no idea Sinn Fein was using the Internet. There is

concern about fund-raising." Internet readers can find addresses for the director and co-ordinator of intelligence for Northern Ireland and the headquarters of SAS and spe-

They can browse through all the Army's Ulster installations and gather details such as addresses of an alleged M15 base and two GCHQ sub-stations. Military barracks said to be linked to SAS and Army undercover units are listed and the details also cover Army surveillance posts in South Armagh and permanent checkpoints throughout

Apart from giving the ad-dress of every RUC station, the Internet file describes the force's building plans. The locations of bases used by scenes-of-crimes officers, RUC workshops, training units and RUC mobile response units are listed. The site also features a map showing Army bases which, like all the posted material, can be downloaded onto computers and printed. Army helicopter bases are also highlighted.

Within a few hours of The Times talking to a woman whose name was linked with the site, it was moved from the host computer at the University of Texas to a new location. Jackie Dana's name and references to the university were removed.

A senior security source said: "The Internet pages point out what would potential targets. Someone has gone quite carefully into it and



Hunter: said the entry was clearly propaganda

ulled a lot of things together It would not be far from the truth in calling it a terrorism crib sheet. There is nothing we can do about it." He added: "It underlines the problems of policing the Internet. There is worry about what is accessible on the Internet which is causing concern among governments, but no one is quite sure how to deal with it."

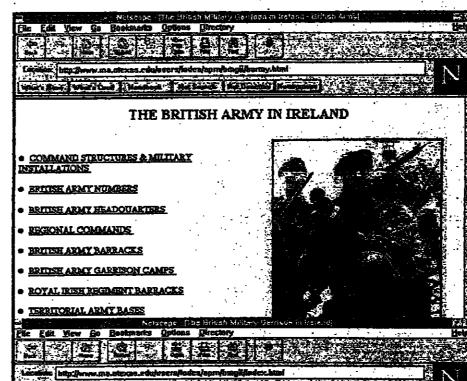
A spokesman for the Army in Northern Ireland said: "We do take note of material on the Internet which may have a security or military reference propaganda." Military sources said some of the was old or information

A spokesman for the University of Texas said there was a policy of free speech for the university's Internet facilities. but the university was investigating the use of the site.

The Internet entry is called The British Military Garrison in Ireland and is headed Sinn Fein Peace Action Monitor. September 1st 1994." It was placed on a World Wide Web site used by Sinn Fein through the maths department of the university in

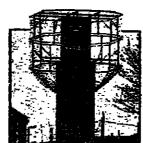
The entry says the material was originally published by An Phoblacht. Sinn Fein's weekly newspaper. Readers are also told the material was "archived as a public re-source" with help from an Irish interest group at the university and Ms Dana, a student development specialist in the university's sociology department.

Asked about the entry. Ms Dana said the information came from a Sinn Fein pamphlet published some time ago. She denied it was a terrorist crib sheet. "It shows how incredibly extensive the British army of occupation in Ireland is," she said. She was not a member of Sinn Fein but



The British Military Garrison in Ireland

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SINCE THE British Government's enforced partition of Ireland in 1921, they have systematically created and sustained a military state in the six north-castern countles of

This garrison comprising the regular British samy

After inquiries by The Times, the entry was moved from the university to a new site

Republicans cheer as Labour MP attacks peace process



Austin-Walker: criticised delays and prevarication

IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

A LEFT-wing Labour MP won applause at Sinn Fein's annual conference yesterday for a stinging attack on John Major's handling of the peace process.

John Austin-Walker, MP for Woolwich, who is chairman of the Campaign Group of Labour MPs, praised Gerry Adams and said that Mr Major's plan for elections in Northern Ireland showed that the Prime Minister had eaten too much beef. Mr Austin-Walker, who said he disagreed with Labour's bipartisan approach over Northern Irethat Mr Major had repeatedly frustrated the start of all-party talks. Walker said he agreed with Sinn as the Sinn Fein leadership tough-

yards of leading republicans, the MP said: "I understand the anger and frustration felt by the nationalist community in the face of delay after delay as a weak British Prime Minister has prevaricated and placed obstacles in the way of talks while pandering to the Unionists to keep his Westminster majority."

Praising Sinn Fein as a "genuine political party", Mr Austin-Walker said it was wrong of the British Government to exclude the party from talks. He added: "Those citizens who voted for Sinn Fein had no part in Canary Wharf, and yet they are disenfranchised and not land, told the conference in Dublin allowed a voice in the peace talks." After the speech Mr Austin-

Fein's accusation that the British Government was to blame for the collapse of the peace process. He added, however: "That does not justify the action taken by the IRA." He condemned IRA violence and called on the terrorist leadership to restore its ceaselire.

His speech will be an embarrassment to the Labour leadership, which has pursued a bipartisan approach with the Government over Northern Ireland. Some Labour backbenchers have criticised Mr Blair's handling of the issue and a group rebelled earlier this month when Labour abstained over the renewal of the Prevention of

Mr Austin-Walker's speech came

ened its opposition to Mr Major's election plan. Martin McGuinness told the conference that Sinn Fein would meet the SDLP in the next

However, Mr McGuinness left the way open to participation in the election when he said: This party has no fear whatsoever of elections. We have consistently established . . . a very substantial electoral mandate which has made Sinn Fein one of the most important political parties in the north of our country."

week to press for a boycott.

His comments indicated that Sinn Fein was likely to agree eventually to stand in the elections, although it will boycott the forum. The leaderrepublicans that Sinn Fein is not wavering in its strong opposition to

what it perceives as the establishment of a Stormont-style assembly. Sinn Fein's conference, held a month before the 80th anniversary of the Easter Rising in 1916, was carefully designed to sell a moderate image of the party to the outside world while reassuring activists that it has not abandoned its core

republican ideals. It was held at the

ornate Ambassador cinema in Par-

nell Square, where the Irish Volun-

teers were founded in 1905. The leadership sat framed by an understated light blue backdrop and the garish posters and slogans of old conferences were not on view. However, the faces of the ten repub-1981 could just be made out in faded

pictures on the top of the set.

Cathedral siege man surrenders

A two-day armed siege a Northampton's Roman Cath-olic cathedral ended peacefully yesterday when a man idered to police shortly after 7am. A shotgun was found inside the building.

The siege began at 3pm on Friday after a man spoke to a trainee priest, Gareth For-ster. Mr Forster contacted police after the 39-year-old man, who had had a row with his former wife, told him he

In search of elms A nationwide survey is being

launched to monitor the survivors of Dutch elm disease. Readers of Country Living are being urged to locate specimens that have proved resistant to disease so they can be used for propagation

Teenager burnt

A teenager was hadly burnt when he was attacked by two youths who lit the propellant in a can of deodorant and sprayed it into his face. Michael Coombes, 15, had been riding his bike when was stopped and attacked in Peacehaven, East Sussex.

Sizewell opens

Sizewell B nuclear power station in Suffolk is due to be opened officially today by lan Lang, President of the Board of Trade. The plant, which began generating electricity 13 months ago, has been the subject of environmental protests for the past 15 years.

Bin warning

Householders who leave their empty "wheelie bins" on the payement after rubbish collections risk being prosecuted by Nottingham City Council for obstructing the highway. Every home in the city is being sent a warning

Lottery winners

Nine players shared this week's £7.9 million National Lottery jackpot, each receiving £877,907. Ninety-eight people won £24,807 each by matching five numbers and matched five to win £774. Winning numbers, page 24.

Brain-damaged attack victim taps out crucial information for police

By Stephen Farrell.

DETECTIVES believe they are on the verge of a breakthrough in the case of paralysed musician who emerged from a 15-month coma to spell out the message that someone had tried to kill him.

Geoffrey Wildsmith. 21, spends two hours a day painstakingly tapping out a few words on a special computer that is his only means of communication. Slowly but surely he has told British Transport Police how he came to be found on a train with part of his skull and brain missing. By the end of next week his statement should be

complete, and the police are confident he can provide clues as to who attacked him. Mr Wildsmith was injured on the 11.33pm Portsmouth to Woking train on April 23. 1994. He emerged from a coma after 15 months, but he still cannot talk and is virtually blind. He is also paralysed. apart from some movement in

nuddle finger. He communicates through

the knuckle of his right-hand

whole job.

Geoffrey's

a special computer software package, his right hand placed across his chest and his knuckle over a touchpad. As a screen cursor and electronic voice move through the alpha-bet, he hits the electronic pad

when the right letter comes up. putting words together. with him because others need The police team, trained in it. She said she never believed the rules of obtaining video doctors who told her that her evidence, is headed by Detecson's personality was gone. tive Inspector Ron Wainer. After Geoffrey had been in

"Progress is really, really intensive care two weeks we slow, he said yesterday. The most we are getting out of him had a meeting with the consultant and he wiped the floor with us," she said. "He said is about two sentences a day. The temptation of helping the Geoffrey we knew was not Geoffrey out by looking for a coming back and would never yes/no answer is great, but one mistake or leading queshave any intelligence." tion and we could lose the

However she said Geoffrey had always opened his eyes when she entered the room. which kept her going. "I am mother. Marinette Appassamy, 42. his mother and you know your from Guildford, Surrey, visus child. He has proved them him up to five times a week, wrong so far, and he can carry although she cannot use the on proving them wrong."

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Aircraft fire caused by wrong circuit breaker

By Harvey Elliott, air correspondent

WRONG circuit breaker fitted to a British Airways jumbo jet led to a mid-air fire which, had it happened earlier in the flight, could have caused a crash and the failed to trip. deaths of 358 people.

Air accident investigators believe that a fire which broke out in the passenger cabin of a Boeing 747-400 shortly before it came in to land at Heathrow after a 11hour flight from Johannesburg on January 22 was caused by a surge of electrical power through wires to

the jet's humidifier. Normally the circuit-breaker would have cut off the power supply and prevented the fire. But engineers fitted

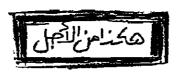
25 amp breakers, instead of 2.5 amp. in two places. The powerful surge of electricity melted wires behind the cabin wall when the breaker After the incident it was discovered that a second

Boeing 747-400 also had a wrong circuit breaker. The incident began as the jet was flying at 39,000 ft over Abbeville in France. A passenger noticed sparks coming from the air conditioning

vent and a burning smell. BA engineers are conrinced that had the fire broken out any earlier, the aircraft could have caught fire in mid-air and almost certainly exploded.

THE JOYS (AND OTHERWISE) OF WORKING IN A MODERN OFFICE...

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Eurovision hopeful faces big screen test

GINA G., the Australianborn singer who is to represent Britain at the Eurovision Song Contest on May 18 before a television audience of more than 300 million, still gets stage fright after a disastrous performance early in her career.

"I keep telling people that I won't be nervous, but I'm really just trying to convince myself." she said yesterday. "The first time I ever had to sing live on television, the performance was transmitted live to the whole of Australia. Nerves killed me that night. I was shaking and I dried up. My first line was just a mess. It was awful."

Before the competition the 25-year-old from Queens-land will be singing live as often as possible to polish her act. Her next scheduled performance is on Thursday's Top of the Pops. "I'm so busy I don't even have time for a boyfriend. The only male in my life is Dillon, my horse," she said.



Better awareness and treatment cuts death rate

Breast cancer is finally in retreat after 30 years

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

BREAST cancer, the greatest scourge of women in the Western world, is in retreat after three decades during which the toil from the disease mounted to record levels. A comparison of death rates in 20 countries has shown that in 16 the steep rise in earlier years has levelled off or started to fall.

The UK has recorded the biggest fall, of more than 10 per cent since 1989 in women under 80, saving at least 1,000 lives a year. The death rate rose by 30 per cent in the previous three decades to put Britain at the top of the league for breast-cancer deaths.

Although other countries have seen similar falls since the late 1980s, the size of the drop in Britain means it is no longer the breast-cancer capitands. Belgium, Denmark and New Zealand now have similar death rates to Britain's.

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Breast cancer is the com-

ing 600,000 lives a year worldwide. Although deaths are falling in the West, they are rising in Eastern Europe and the developing world. Dr Valerie Beral, who car-

ried out the study published in the British Journal of Cancer today, said it was encouraging that the fall in the UK death rate, first reported last year, was continuing and was being mirrored in Europe and North America. Total UK deaths from breast cancer were below 13,000 in 1994 compared with 14.008 in 1989.

In all countries the decline began earliest and is most marked for women under 50. The decrease is too sudden to be wholly due to a fall in the number of women developing the disease. Dr Beral, head of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund's epidemiology unit in Oxford, said: "The sharp decline may well have something to do with treatment. There is better awareness of breast cancer and people are

coming forward earlier. There has been a great effort to do something about it and it looks as if it is working."

Drug treatments for breast cancer, such as tamoxifen, have been more widely used in the past decade, in addition to surgery and radiotherapy. This increase in chemotherapy has come on top of changes

py has come on top of changes in child-bearing patterns. Having babies, especially at a young age, protects against breast cancer. In Britain and other western European countries, there was a surge in births after the Second World War, reducing the proportion of childless women from a fifth to a tenth, resulting in a drop in breast cancer in women in their fifties and sixties

Dr Beral said: "There is a move towards similar child-bearing rates across the world and breast cancer rates are converging. Countries with a high death rate, such as the UK and Canada, are going down and countries with a low death rate, such as Poland and Spain, where people are having fewer children later, are coming up. However, world-wide the numbers dying are worse than a decade ago because the death rate is rising

in developing countries."

□ Endometriosis, a painful womb condition affecting one woman in ten, is often not diagnosed for more than seven years after symptoms appear, according to a report by the National Endometriosis Society.

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Beware sting in royal jelly tale



Dr Thomas Stuttaford

THE Princess of Wales is reported to be back on lunching terms with her stepfamily, but what they ate at the London hotel where they met and whether the menu included royal jelly is not recorded.

Nobody could have done more to enhance the popularity of royal jelly than Dame Barbara Cartland, the Princess's step-grandmother, whose own appearance addscredence to claims that the jelly wards off some of the signs and symptoms of old age. It is also reputed to ease the suffering experienced by people with chronic degenerative diseases, such as osteo-authorits

Royal jelly is the sticky, thick, milky spit derived from the salivary glands of the worker bee which is essential for the proper maturation of the queen bee and contains complex proteins.

Although the good which royal jelly may do has not been proved, two recent reports in The Medical Journal of Australia, one in the British Medical Journal and a review of the jelly's use in the magazine Hospital Update explain clearly its possible danger when people use it who are sensitive to it. Acute asthma, respiratory distress, anaphylactic shock and even death have followed the taking of the jelly by people who

have a history of asthma or other allergies. A possible hazard is that some of the proprietary names of the product give little clue as to its main constituent.

The case reported in the BMJ is typical. The patient was a woman who had pro-ously suffered only from mile asthma, but 40 minutes after taking two capsules of royal jelly her pulse was racing at 130 beats a minute and her. normal breathing had been replaced by ten faint sighs a minute, so feeble that they could not be heard through a comatose, the woman's life was saved only by a ventilator and a cocktail of intravenous drugs. Surprisingly, six weeks after discharge from hospital, the patient allowed hope to triumph over experience and took another dose of royal jelly; once again she went into respiratory distress and again she survived.

she survived.

The Australian Medical Journal reports several cases of respiratory distress and collapse after taking royal jelly. in these instances the symptoms started between 20 minutes and two hours after taking it. Interestingly, the patients' skin tested positive for royal jelly, but not to bee stings. Hospital Update recommends people with a history of asthma or other allergies should avoid royal jelly.

BBC tightens its code on decency

By Alexandra Frean, media correspondent

THE BBC is to tighten its code of practice on bad language, sex, violence and blasphemy in response to growing public concern about standards of taste and decement.

taste and decency.

Under new guidelines for television and radio producers to be published this summer, programme-makers will have to take "greater care about the use of bad language, especially religious language". They will also need to show more caution in the portrayal of sex and the use of stereotypes in comedy, particularly with rac-

ist overtones.

The 9pm family viewing watershed, marking the point from which explicitly violent and sexual material can be broadcast, will be applied more stringently. Producers will also be required to ensure that programmes that are likely to be regarded as controversial or challenging are preceded by warnings about their content.

The new guidelines are prompted by concern about material in a wide range of programmes over the past three years, ranging from The Archers on Radio 4, which recently featured a mild expletive, to sex scenes in dramas such as The Buddha of Suburbia on BBC2. The code comes as a parting shot from Marmaduke Hussey, the

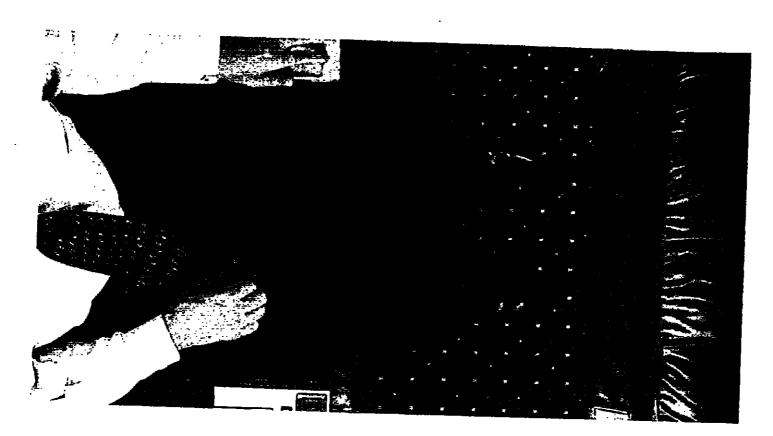
BBC chairman who retires next Monday after ten years. Last October he organised a seminar on taste and decency.

In a letter this week to the 125 experts and consumer representatives at the seminar, Mr Hussey said that the guidelines would "emphasise the concept of respect as a key issue in determining where the boundaries will lie in issues of taste, sex and language". The new guidelines would also "give more detailed and clear guidance relating to the portrayal of violence".

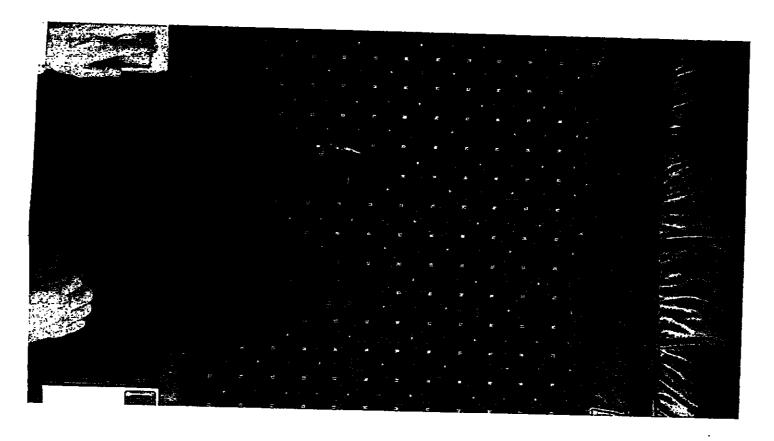
While sensitive to audience concern about standards of taste and decency. Mr Hussey is acutely aware of the difficulties producers face. "We are now broadcasting to a fragmented audience with very different views about what constitutes good taste and decent behaviour." he told the

For the first time the guidelines, which were last updated three years ago, single out the need for special care to be taken with the scheduling of radio programmes, particularly on Radios I and 4. Unlike television, radio has never operated a watershed policy.

A further BBC seminar, this time focusing on children's programmes, will be held in June to coincide with the publication of the guidelines.



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Commission officials draft plans to compensate farmers for losses from slaughter and drop in prices

Calls grow for continent-wide ban on British beef

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

SENIOR European Union officials will be under strong pressure to introduce a continent-wide ban on British beef when they gather in Brussels today to draft a response to the BSE crisis.

With British beef now quarantined by ten EU states, the Standing Veterinary Committee is to advise on measures that the European Commission's farm section should take to limit the health risk from beef. Franz Fischler, the EU's Austrian Farm Commissioner, holds responsibility for a final decision, which will be put to the full Commission on Wednesday.

Commission officials are also drafting options for compensating British and European farmers for losses from a possible collapse in beef prices and the need to slaughter. Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, said yesterday that Britain was considering slaughter and expected Brussels to offer aid.

At present, there are no common agricultural policy funds available for emergency compensation for diseased cattle, although there is ample cash to subsidise producers of healthy beef should prices slide. On



Friday, an independent body of EU

experts gave some comfort to Britain

by finding that there was still no evidence that BSE was transmissible

to humans. However, it called for

stricter measures, including the

slaughter of all cattle at risk, mainly

older animals that might have eaten

feed containing animal remains be-fore it was banned by the EU in 1990. Germany and Ireland have said

the advice is grossly inadequate to

ensure against risk and ease

consumers' fears. Most EU states are

counting on the Commission to

enforce at least a temporary ban

disease, the human form of "mad cow disease, was named after two German psychiatrists who came across the disease in the 1920s. Hans-Gerhard Creutzfeldt (1885-1964), left, first reported the features of a condition which he distinguished from multiple sclerosis. Alfons Maria Jakob (1884-1931), right, was aware of Creutzfeidt's work and presented three case studies of pre-senile dementia. He began to compile a comprehensive list of clinical and autopsy data. The eponym soon came into general use, but in its as Jakob-Creutzfeldt disease.

Britain has no veto on the veterinary committee. The Agriculture Minis-try's officials will tell their EU

colleagues that the Government's

steps so far are adequate to safeguard

health and will urge against any hasty decision to keep British meat

Herr Fischler will not only have to

take account of the scientific argu-

ments but also the psychological

factor to head off a crisis in consumer

confidence that could cripple Eu-

rope's multibillion-pound beef indus-

try. At the same time, the

out of the Union.

pending further scientific advice.

Commission is determined minimise the political impact on Britain. "We really don't want to look as if Europe is ganging up against England," a French Commission official said.

Germany is leading the campaign for a blanket ban. Horst Seehofer, the Health Minister, said the proposals for limited slaughter were "unsatis-factory and not acceptable". If the Commission failed to apply a ban. Germany would maintain its own.

British beef has now been barred from Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, the

As "mad cow" disease dominated public debate across the Continent over the weekend, police turned away lorry-loads of British beef away at the French-Belgian border and super-markets rushed in labels proclaiming the pure origins of their meat.

În France, Philippe de Villiers, the nationalist, anti-Maastricht, politician who is allied to Sir James Goldsmith said his group was starting legal proceedings against the Commission for its failure to protect consumers. "I am saying that the Brussels Commission was aware that there were indications that the mad cow [disease] could be transmitted to man," said M de Villiers, who is an MEP as well as a member of the French parliament. We also accuse it of hampering the state protection of consumers for the sake of the free movement of goods."

European consumer groups condemned the British Government's delay in taking decisive measures to combat BSE. We believe that more stringent measures should have been taken during the mid-1980s when indications about the existence of the BSE problem were first made publie," said Kees de Winter, of the Brussels-based European Consumers' Organisation.

William Rees-Mogg. page 20 Leading article. page 21





Slaughter entire herd: least likely option. Would mean killing about 12 million mean killing about 12 million cattle. Animals would probably be killed on farm with a lethal injection, as BSE cows are now. Incineration of carcasses would be a huge problem. Slaughter operation would have to be phased over several months.

Reason: only way to be sure of eradicating BSE because for every live animal that shows symptoms two others may be incubating the disease.

Cost: compensation for slaughtered animals at least 57 billion. But this could rise to £20 billion to cover loss of income while herds are rebuilt and assistance for others dependent on beef industry, such as abattoirs, processors, hauliers and exporters.

Slaughter all herds that have had at least one case of BSE: 54 per cent of dairy herds and 15 per cent of heaf heaf herds have here. beef herds have had at least one case of BSE each. Could mean killing up to five million cattle. Would be devastating in the South West of England where the dairy industry is concentrated. Up to two thirds of farms in this area have had cases of BSE.

Reason: less expensive measure than wholesale slaughter but would still mean destroying hundreds of thousands of healthy animals.

Cost: about 54 billion in compensation for slaughtered animals. But up to £10 billion to cover income loss and assistance to rest of beef industry. Less costly variant of this option would involve killing only herds with highest percentage of BSE cases.

Slaughter all animals born before a certain date Slaughter all animals born before a certain date historically, few cases of BSE have been found in any animal younger than 30 months old. No case has been found in any animal that has been born during the past 30 months. Could mean slaughtering up to 4.5 million cattle including thousands in herds that have never had a case of BSE. This may prove to be the Government's favoured option.

Reason: would eliminate older dairy cows which are the most likely to have eaten the scrapie-infected feed which was banned in July 1988 and are most likely to be harbouring BSE. But many beef cows are older than dairy cows and these would be destroyed too, even though few

Cost: up to £3.2 billion in compensation for slaughtered animals, but double or triple that to cover income loss and assistance to rest of beef industry.

Slaughter older animals but only those in herds that have had a case of BSE: would reduce the number of animals needing to be killed to about 800,000 if 1989 is chosen as the cut-off date. Far more would have to be killed if any animals older than 30 months are

targeted for slaughter. Reason: would put the emphasis on removing older dairy cows and reduce unnecessary destruction of suckler (beef) cows because far fewer beef herds have had BSE.

Cost: about £700 million if 1989 is chosen date, not counting cover for income loss or assistance to rest of beef industry. Much higher cost if later dates chosen.

Destroy dairy cows at the end of their milking life: about 790,000 old dairy cows go into the food chain annually for use in cheaper meat products and also for export. Disposal of the carcasses would be a problem if

they could not be eaten.

Reason: would take old dairy cows out of human food chain while still enabling farmers to earn income from milk production during the animals' lives. No BSE infectivity has ever been found in milk.

Cost: direct cost to farmers would be limited to the slaughter value of dairy cows, which is currently about 1305 million a year.

£395 million a year.

Change the methods of butchering dairy carcasses: this would require new cutting plants to be set up in which meat would be removed from dairy cow carcasses in such a way as to avoid disturbing the spinal cord. the site of BSE infection, and spreading the

Reason: relatively easy to put into practice and would avoid costly slaughter of cattle, other than those animals which show BSE symptoms as under current policy. Would be seen by many as a minimalist solution insufficient to restore consumer confidence. Cost: might be no more than £200 million.

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Cattlemen face up to the slaughter of BSE herds

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CATTLE farmers are facing ruin as the panic over "mad cow" disease threatens a mass boycott of British beef and the end of lucrative foreign markets. Many are coming to the conclusion that the only chance of restoring consumer confidence lies in drastic action by the Government, in-

cluding mass slaughter. At stake is a multibillionindustry that has helped to shape the face of rural Britain. The value of cattle and caives slaughtered last year was £2.4 billion; milk and milk products earned farmers £3.3 billion. The beef and dairy industries are inextricably linked because up to two thirds of British heef comes from dairy herds in the form of unwanted calves and cows slaughtered at the end of their milking life.

Richard Haddock who keeps 1,150 beef cattle at Kingswear, Devon, said: "We

can't go on like this. The lifeblood of the industry is draining away. We have got to take action that might once have been thought unthinkable."

Mr Haddock's herd, one of the biggest in the country, is worth nearly El million. He specialises in rearing cattle to the age of ten months and selling them on to other farmers to fatten for slaughter. His customers are now refusing to take any more cattle because they cannot sell their finished animals to abattoirs.

"Demand has collapsed and I am facing a cashflow crisis." he said. At the end of this month I will have rent to pay on two of my three farms, as well as fuel and wages bills. I have already cancelled an order for a new tractor that I was planning to buy."

Mr Haddock is pressing the Government to slaughter and destroy all animals born before January 1, 1992, in any herd that has had a case of

BSE. He believes that would eliminate all cattle that could conceivably have eaten the

feed believed to have caused "The scrapie-infected feed was banned in 1988, but we all know that some continued in circulation for several years afterwards." he said. "No animal born after 1992 should have eaten any. It would be sensible to remove any older animals from herds with a

On this basis, Mr Haddock reckons he would lose 250 of his breeding stock of 350 suckler cows. "I would expect the Government to compensate me for the loss of the cows, which are worth around £250,000.7

history of BSE."

The South West is particu-larly badly hit by the BSE crisis because its rich pastureland makes it especially suitable for dairy farming and cattle rearing. Up to two thirds of dairy farms in the region

least one case of BSE, well above the average.

Ewen Cameron, president of the Country Landowners' Association, whose 50,000 members own half of England and Wales, keeps a 200-cow dairy herd near Hminister in Somerser. He said: "I earn about \$25,000 a year selling some 150 calves born to my dairy cows for beef, an important contribution to overall

Mr Cameron has had 30 cases of BSE on his farm. "It may be that selective slaughtering of the animals most likely to have been exposed to infection may be the only option," he said. "Older dairy cows in particular may have to be taken out of the food chain." ☐ The last major scare involving British beef was a mass outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in 1967-68. Whole herds were destroyed as 2,364 around Britain. The cost to the country was estimated at £150



Richard Haddock, who farms 1,150 beef cattle in Devon, advocates "previously unthinkable" action

Lamb prices likely to leap again at market

Sheep fairners, traditionally the poor cousins of British agriculture, emerged yesterday as one winner in the BSE crisis. Lamb prices are expected to soar further at auction today after rising sharply last Thursday and Friday. By Friday the price of lamb had risen to £1.55 a kilogram (live weight) from £1.46 at the beginning of the week. It is 35p more than at the same time last year. Beef, meanwhile, dropped to 94p from about £1.18 last Monday. The trend is expected to continue this week as more consumers turn away from beef and use lamb as a substitute. Most sheep farmers, however, were frustrated that the extra demand had come at the wrong time of year for them.

Kuwait joins boycott

Kuwait has suspended imports of British beef days after Oman. Qatar and Bahrain took similar action. Abdel Aziz Dekheil, the Kuwaiti Cabinet Secretary, said it had decided "to temporarily suspend its imports of meat from countries affected by the 'mad cow' disease".

46% 'less inclined to eat beef'

Nearly half of people are less inclined to eat beef, according to a survey. The NOP telephone poll of 502 adults, commissioned for last night's Money Programme on BBC2, found 46 per cent "less inclined" to eat beef, while 39 per cent would still eat beef.

Researcher honoured

The international Wolf Foundation in Jerusalem awarded its annual prize of \$100,000 (£65,000) to Professor Stanley B. Prusiner, a medical researcher from the University of California at San Francisco, who discovered the pathogens that cause "mad cow" disease.

Meat crisis is good news for cats and dogs

By CAROL MIDGLEY

SHOPPERS were buying cutprice beef for their pet dogs and cats yesterday as the impact of the BSE scare began to show in shop and supermarkets. Unsold beef cuts. mince and hamburgers were piled high on the shelves as consumers turned against the beef industry.

One woman, a pensioner from Manchester shopping at her local Sainsbury, bought reduced steak: "I wouldn't normally be able to afford this for myself, let alone for my dog and cat but they might as well benefit from it." she said. Another man at a central

London supermarket picked up steak reduced by £1 and said: "It's for the dog. I wouldn't let my daughter touch it." Other shoppers. however, unmoved by the BSE crisis, were stockpiling cheap

beef for their freezers. Some independent stores reported heef sales down by up to a half but a surge in demand for lamb, pork, chicken and fish. Lamb mince was being offered instead of traditional beef mince as a substitute for dishes such as spaghetti bolognese.

Market traders were considering laying off staff paid to cut and prepare the beef. Bruce Callard, of Kirkgate

CONSUMERS

Market, Leeds, said: "Sales of beef have slumped dramatically but sales of pork, lamb and chicken are going berserk. Beef was a third of our sales but I doubt very much if we can pick it all up by selling other meat. "If sales continue to fall like this we'll seriously have to think about staff cuts. Pork, lamb and chicken don't take anywhere near as much

time to prepare. sales but said they had adjust-

David Sawday, from Tesco, said: "The sales decrease has affected both fresh and frozen beef but we haven't noticed a particular surge in vegetarian products. People appear to have simply opted for another meat instead." Sainsbury said that although beef sales were down it would be impossible to say by how much until the

At the Asda in the Gateshead MetroCentre chicken

Leading supermarket chains admitted they had suffered a significant drop in beef ed their orders as soon as the scare broke.

sold out on Saturday while beef sales were down by a quarter on the previous week. The isle of Wight zoo appealed for unwanted beef to

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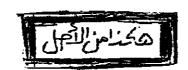
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Dole burnishes dull image with Death Row tour

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

seeking to shed a dour image, Mr Dole chose to visit California's Death Row at the weekend, staring at condemned men and hearing how they die by lethal injection.

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With his wife, Elizabeth, by his side and San Quentin prison as his backdrop. Mr Dole then gave a press conference in which he pledged to curtail Death Row appeals for convicted murderers, accelerate executions and treat juveniles who commit violent crimes as adults.

"We have become hostages to the random, vicious acts of nameless, faceless strangers." he declared. He complained that more San Quentin inmates died of old age than lethal injection and demanded: "Is this America? Do we

INCREDIBLY for a candidate ostensibly to beat Pat Buchan-

border to demand still tougher measures against illegal immigration, including an end to free public schooling for the immigrants' children. He went to the Northrop Grumman aircraft plant near Los Angeles to demand a doubling of America's B2 Stealth bomber fleet at a cost of \$30 billion (£19 billion).

At San Quentin, Mr Dole pledged to speed up execu-tions, but reports of his visit focused more on his grim tour of the prison where 424 men are on Death Row. The Washington Post dubbed it "Dole's

believe in justice?"

Mr Dole's message was

Mr Dole's message was

further undermined by Friday's remarkable vote in the

an Uzi", The Washington

Post reported beneath a pic-

ture of Mr Clinton covering

his face with his hand. Even

Newt Gingrich's spokesman

called the jokes "starkly inappropriate".

The association swiftly sent

the Clintons a formal and

abject apology. Prominent

American journalists de-

clared they would never again

appear on the Imus show.

Mike McCurry, the White

House press secretary, sought

in vain to dissuade C-Span

from broadcasting a speech

he euphemistically described

'Shock jock' makes President squirm

By MARTIN FLETCHER

C-SPAN, arguably the dullest television channel in the world, as it covers nothing but politics, looked set to smash its viewing records last night by airing the ultimate in tasteless after-dinner speeches despite vigorous protests from

the White House. Millions were expected to tune in to watch a speech that Don Imus. an outrageous radio talk show host, delivered to the prestigious annual Radio and Television Correspondents' Association dinner last week and that has since become the talk of Washington. The New York "shock jock" cracked jokes about President Clinton's extramarital affairs and the First Lady's financial transgressions as the First Couple squirmed and grimaced just a few feet away on the head table and the audience of 3,000 listened in shocked silence.

It was "as if he was spraying abuse like a terrorist with an in tomorrow's Republican primary, but in reality to open his election offensive against President Clinton. He went to the Mexican

The Republicans were widely accused of rewarding the National Rifle Association for the \$5.3 million it poured into their 1994 congressional campaigns. Angry protesters demonstrated outside San Quentin as Mr Dole gave his press conference, and he was clearly embarrassed by his House colleagues' action. In stark contrast to Mr

Dole's harsh themes, Mr Clinton went to Ohio - another crucial battleground this November - to urge more corporate responsibility towards employees at a time of great economic anxiety.

He acknowledged that the first duty of businesses was to compete and make profits, but suggested it was in their own best interests to offer better benefits, improved training and safer working conditions. He announced a White House conference next month to highlight examples

House of Representatives to

repeal a two-year-old ban on

semi-automatic assault guns.

of "corporate citizenship". ☐ Poll blow: A Washington Post poll showed 52 per cent of Americans believed that Hillary Clinton had lied about her role in the Whitewater affair. and that 49 per cent believed she had broken the law.

No other First Lady has ever inspired such a damning verdict, and Mrs Clinton's woes were further compounded by an announcement that Kenneth Starr, the Whitewater special prosecutor, was expanding his investigation to determine whether Administration officials had lied about the controversial 1993 sacking of the seven-man White House travel office.

Mrs Clinton, in sworn testimony, has denied ordering the dismissals. David Watkins, a as unsuitable for children and former presidential aide, has revealed that he had been supported that contention in about to lead a walk-out when evidence to investigators. But in a recently discovered White "mercifully it came to an end". Mr Imus was unapologetic. House memorandum, Mr "I wanted to have a joke about Watkins wrote that he had how the President could combeen "as protective and vague bat charges of womanising by becoming a Mormon. And if as possible" but had dismissed the travel office at Mrs Clinwe had four or five First ton's "insistence" because he Ladies, America was bound to knew there would be "hell to pay" if he ignored her wishes.



Hillary Clinton, centre right, and Sheryi Crow, the Grammy Award winning singer, with kitchen staff at the American military base in Baumholder, Germany. The First Lady was on the opening day of an eight-day European goodwill tour, carrying mail, films and sweets for American troops in Bosnia-Herze-

Cooks' tour for the First Lady

sacrifice that every one of you have made," she told about 200 family members and friends of US personnel stationed in Bosnia. Accompanied by her daughter, Chelsea, Mrs

govina. "We are very grateful for the Clinton flew seven hours overnight. arriving at Baumholder in time for church services. She was greeted by about 300 soldiers and military families at Ramstein Air Base. Today Mrs Clinton flies to Tuzla, the

headquarters of American troops serving in the Nato-led implementation force in Bosnia. Later, she will head for a three-day stay in Turkey. including a speech at the Topkapi Palace in Istanbul to promote the idea of secular governments in religious countries. She will be in

Voice of the cyber cabbie

New York: Taxi drivers here, among the most slov-enly in the world, have been ordered to install talking computers in their cabs (Quentin Letts writes). The decision is the latest attempt by the city fathers to improve the standard of service from Manhattan's largely immigrant yellow

From mid-May, a metallic. computer-generated voice will tell alighting passengers: "Excuse me, please remember to take your property and don't forget to ask for a receipt." At present the most a passenger can nor-mally expect at the end of a high-velocity ride is a grunt from the pilot, followed by the sideways glance of an illshaven face to check that the door is shut before the taxi is gunned back into the traffic. Taxi owners who fail to install the devices will be

liable to fines.

State polls boost Kohl coalition

FROM PETER BILD IN BONN

THE centre-right coalition of Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, received a surprise boost yesterday after winning the Baden-Württemberg election, preliminary exit polls showed.

Faced with soaring unemployment. German voters went to the polls in three states to deliver a first verdict on Herr Kohl's Government since re-electing him as Chancellor more than a year ago.

The Social Democrats (SDP) — the main opposition to Herr Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU) in Bonn - lost ground in the southwestern state, despite their campaign against the European Union's proposed single currency, an issue which they had hoped would lead to important gains. Early projections showed slight gains in the other two states — Schleswig-Holstein in the north and Rhineland-Palatinate also in the southwest. The performance of the liberal Free Democrats (FDP)

parliaments - could prove crucial for Herr Kohl. A poor result risked unseating him from the Chancellery in Bonn by unravelling the internal cohesion of his FDP coalition partner. Latest opinion polls in all three states showed the FDP barely clearing the 5 per cent hurdle needed to ensure seats in the three states.

In many constituencies the Green Alliance, which has declared itself as a coalition partner of the SDP, outpolled the FDP by 2-1 or more. The liberalsa have been in Government in Bonn for all but two of the last 47 years.

The Government's apparent immobility as the economy has edged towards recession was the key issue for most voters. But in Baden Württemberg, where the right-wing Republicans swept into parhament with a startling 10.9 per cent five years ago, the SDP dismayed many supporters by launching an outright bid for the Right's vote. They targeted resentment at the influx of "resettled Germans" and called for a delay in European cur- zens of Germanic origin guarrency union, appealing to Germans fearful of losing their precious mark.

A rough campaign raised accusations that the traditionally internationalist SDP has been pandering to narrow nationalism and latent racism. With 4.5 million Germans jobless, the SDP demanded a curb on immigration of the

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anteed citizenship. The talk in bars has been of the threat to jobs from these immigrants, many from Kazakhstan who speak no German. Dieter Spöri, the SDP leader in Baden-Württemberg, played on these fears.

For the past five years Herr Spori and Erwin Teufel, the CDU premier of Baden-Württemberg, have governed in an uneasy "grand coalition" to keep the Republicans out of office. A poor result for both the FDP and the Republicans could open the way either for a Red-Green coalition or a solely

CDU government in the state. In neighbouring Rhineland-Palatinate, where the Chancellor cast his vote and the CDU ruled alone until five years ago, his party was hoping to close a six percentage point gap against the SDP to oust Germany's only SPD-FDP coalition.

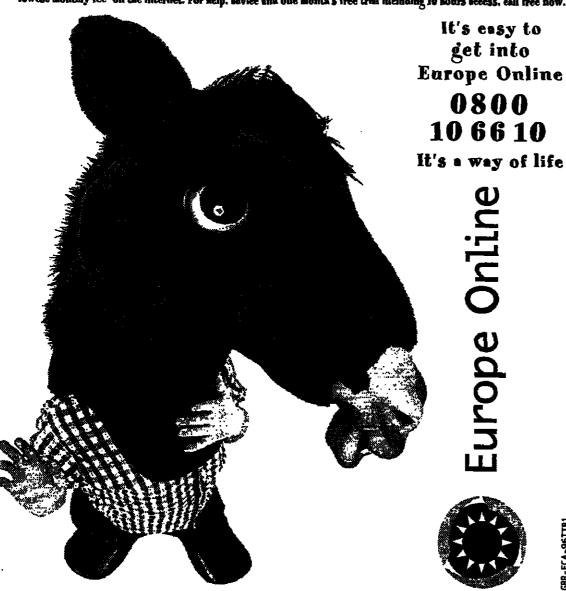
In Schleswig-Holstein, Hei-di Simonis, the SDP premier, was expected to maintain her party's lead over the CDU.

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Nuclear

- teetering on the edge of

extinction in all three regional

test ban in Pacific London: Britain, France and

America will today sign a treaty protocol making the South Pacific a nuclear-free zone, ensuring that France will never again be able to test nuclear weapons on Mururoa Atoll (Michael Binyon writes).

They will sign three proto-cols to the 1985 Treaty of Rarotonga, saying this "un-derlines our will to achieve the definitive end of nuclear tests throughout the world". They said the signing, in Suva, the Fijian capital, would give a further boost to the negotiations for a comprehensive test ban treaty.

Jordanian baby named Rabin

Jerusalem: A Jordanian ad-mirer of Yitzhak Rabin, the late Israeli Prime Minister, has won a legal battle to name his newborn son after him (Christopher Walker writes). Rajai Abdul-Kader, a farm worker in Jordan, lost his job after giving the name to his son. But he is undeterred. "I will name my next baby boy after Shimon Peres," he said.

Belorussians attack merger

Minsk: Up to 30,000 Belorussians marched through the city in protest at President Lukashenko's plans to merge with Russia. They besieged state television offices to demand airtime. Police managed to disperse the rally; riot police later beat up some protesters. (Reuter)

US woman joins crew of Mir

Houston: Shannon Lucid, the first American woman to live in the Russian space station, Mir, floated to her new home from the shuttle Atlantis, and said: "I'm happy to be here." stay five months. (AP).

Mandela 'assaulted by Winnie'

an uneasy alliance

Johannesburg: Controversy surrounding the Mandela di-vorce refuses to die down, with fresh accusations being lev-elled against Winnie Mandela that she physically attacked her former husband several times shortly before he left her (Inigo Gilmore writes). City Press said the assaults

were the "more serious rea-

sons" for him leaving home in 1992 that President Mandela was loathe to present during last week's divorce hearing. Quoting close friends of the President, the newspaper claimed Mrs Mandela attacked her estranged husband more than once and on one

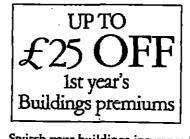
occasion a bodyguard stepped in and drew his firearm.

South African newspapers have been speculating on the President's romantic future Dr Mamphele Ramaphele, the wife of the late Steve Biko, and Graca Machel, widow of the Mozambican president, named as possible future first ladies.

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Peking seeks to save face as Lee wins Taiwan vote

From James Pringle in Peking

CHINA sought to hide its disappointment yesterday that its military exercises and belligerent tone had failed to prevent Lee Teng-hui from being elected with a convincing 54 per cent of the vote in the first-ever presidential elections in Taiwan.

The Chinese Foreign Minisiry was restrained in its reaction to Mr Lee's weekend triumph. "I want to stress that there is only one China in the world," said Shen Guofang, its spokesman. "Whatever the method for selecting the leaders of Taiwan might be, it cannot change the fact that Taiwan is part of Chinese

The mild rebuke was in sharp contrast to Peking's vitriolic denunciation in the weeks before the election when it branded Mr Lee as a dictator who would end up in the "dustbin of history".

Mr Shen also said that it was up to the Chinese military to decide whether to continue with the threatening missile tests and war games in the Taiwan Strait. He added that peaceful reunification was still China's basic aim, but reiterated the two conditions under which Peking would resort to force: if Taiwan declared independence or if a foreign power intervened in the crisis.

Diplomats in Peking said that China's hawkish military leaders would now have to consider whether a new round of war games would be worth the considerable drain on the nation's finances, given that the presence of two American naval battlegroups in the area virtually neutralises any military action which Peking may contemplate against Taiwan.

to missile

attacks'

BY DAVID WATTS

THE United States Navy

forces off Taiwan are as

vulnerable as were the Repulse and the Prince of Wales when they were sunk by

Japanese Imperial Navy

bombers at the beginning of

the Pacific War, according to a defence adviser to Taipei.

weak to support Taiwan in

case of real need and

sufficently strong to be dan-

gerous because its presence could invite unforeseen consequences," the adviser said. "The Royal Navy thought

the Repulse and the Prince of Wales were invulnerable," said the adviser. "The Admi-

ralty didn't understand that

they were vulnerable to air attack, they had always

thought in terms of surface

opposition. Today the United

States doesn't understand that

their ships could be destroyed by Chinese missiles. It would

"It's 1941 all over again. The American deployment is too

Shen's comment on the future of the war games placed the onus on the military. The Chinese Foreign Ministry has had its say, and whatever the generals decide on is up to

separatism.

world body.

Diplomats in the Chinese

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capital are now waiting to see how President Lee will react: whether he will use his mandate to continue pushing for United Nations' recognition an unrealisito scenario - or make a gesture to Peking to ease, rather than escalate, the hostile relations.

To ease tensions, Mr Lee must be prepared to start a dialogue on issues such as opening direct air, sea and mail links with the Communist mainland, as stated by Mr Shen in an interview with the Peking-controlled Wei Wei Po newspaper, published in Hong Kong. Such talks would be riddled with difficulties, not least over the use of national flags and aircraft.

Peking, in its first official response to the election results, did not repeat its customary denunciation of President Lee. The official Xinhua news agency, in a commen-tary that tried to justify the military pressure, said that the fight against Taipei's inde-pendence movement had dealt

Fortress Quemoy votes for dialogue

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN LITTLE QUEMOY

WITH China only 5,000 yards away, almost all the 3,054 Chinese missile could voters on this tiny island precipitate war with US turned out at the weekend to choose the first democratically US ships elected Chinese president despite Peking's attempts to intimidate the electorate. 'exposed

Little Quemoy is a half hour's motor-launch trip from Quemoy, Taiwan's offshore island fortress. From this tiny place it is easy to see the Fujian coast. The island's small, welldug-in garrison would be rap-idly overrun if Communist China decided to invade.

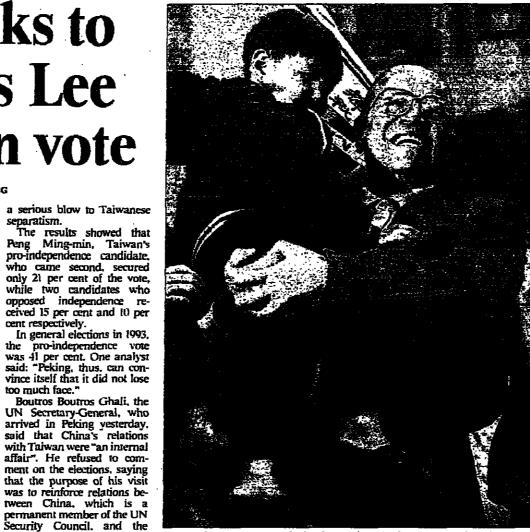
It is so close to the port of Xiamen, or Amoy, that Chen Da-bing, who was born here, can call Xiamen on his portable phone to speak to his aunts, from whom his family has been separated for more than 40 years. "My father came here to do a little business, the military crisis began, and he's never been able to go back," said Mr Chen, who was about to attend his niece's wedding to which Chens from as far away as

Singapore were present. Little Quernoy, its houses leaturing traditional sway-roofs with dragons at the corners and red Chinese New Year streamers invoking good fortune still fluttering from every wooden door, displays an even more traditionally southern Chinese face than Quemoy, Its villagers are the only people under Taiwanese rule who do not immediately tell a visitor at great length what a

But they came dressed in their best to the little polling station where a life-sized cardboard water buffalo. symbol of prosperity and patience. looked down from the wall.

Unlike the result on Taiwan island, where Lee Teng-hui won well over half the total and Quemoy, where the is-landers still feel part of China.

chief for Quemoy with its 30,000 voters, said: "On Que-Communists, like those people in Taipei who ran abroad when the missiles were fired."



President Lee Teng-hui celebrates at a victory party in Taipei

Taipei victors talk of treaty with mainland

By David Watts in Taipei and Our Foreign Staff

people of the island rejoiced in making history by electing its first President.

Lien Chan, the Taiwanese Prime Minister, said Taipei was seriously considering signing a peace treaty with Peking. He said the Government wanted to start negotiations immediately to pave the way for a bilateral summit. China-also adopted a conciliatory tone, proposing a summit between its Communist eaders and their Taiwanese rivals.

Mr Lien told reporters: "As far as a peace agreement is concerned ... we are interested in thinking seriously about it and a lot of preparations need to be done

As Taiwanese woke up with a heady feeling yesterday, one senior politician summed up the island population's achievement in annointing Lee Teng hui as the first directly elected leader in 5,000 years of Chinese history: "Tremendously meaningful to all Chinese everywhere in the world ... an epoch-making event that will have far-reaching consequences on the development of democracy in our country.

An exultant Mr Lee said it was "an immense political achievement for the Republic of China which deserves to win

international approval and support.

But a leading official of his ruling Kuomintang Nationalist Government was probably closer to the mark when he said President Jiang Zemin of China

TAIWAN and China moved yesterday to deserved a medal for his contribution defuse their worst crisis in decades as the "He is a super campaign aid," he said. "He is a super campaign aid," he said.
There is no doubt that Peking's campaign of intimidation helped to bolster President Lee's vote, achieving precisely the opposite of what the Communist mainland intended. But Mr.

Lee also won support beacuse of an early campaign statement in which he promised to open-talks with the mainland once polling was over The long-term prospect now seems likely to be a commencement of talks. followed by more war games and more talks as the mainland tries to wear down Taiwanese resolve. They'll try to force us to talk, but on their terms, a defence source said. Their intelligence is excel-lent and they'll follow [Chinese military.

it is better to win the war without firing a shot." Rumours are rife in Taipei that the Nationalists already have a delegation of party officials in Peking preparing the ground for the next round of cross-strait,

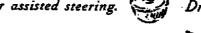
strategist! Sun Tzu's classic dictum that

talks on greater direct contacts. After the vote, Peking reserved its strongest criticism for Washington, saying that the United States' naval battlegroups which had been deployed close to the Taiwan Strait signalled to Taipei that Washington supported pro-independence activities on the island. "The US Government has hurt the feelings of the Chinese people," the Foreign Ministry in



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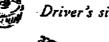
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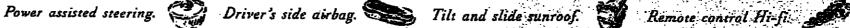
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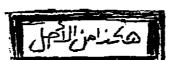
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American assessments of China's capabilities of attack-ing Taiwan so far have focused on the use of Chinese land-based army and air forces and the need to deploy large numbers of troops rapidly. Far more likely, in the opinion of Taiwanese military sources, would be the use of the M9 missile, a development of the Russian Scud. Taiwan does not have the phased-array radar necessary to provide warning of such an attack. Nor did the US see fit to allow Taiwan to buy advanced versions of the Patriot

missile when Taipai pro-duced its annual military

shopping list last week. The

Patriot is one of the few

missile systems that would

give the Taiwanese a sporting

chance in such a conflict.

only take one missile and the Nimitz or the Independence laircrast carriers is finished and there would be war between China and the United

vote, in Little Quemoy, and on Quemoy, Mr Lee received only a simple majority. Most voters here preferred two other candidates, Chen Li-an and Lin Yang-kang, who called for some form of reconciliation with Communist China when its political system changes. Their message went unheeded in Taiwan where people are more fearful of Peking, unlike Little Quemoy

Zhang Sui-zhen, the county moy, we're not afraid of the

A stall holder, Jean-Claude Sennepin, cuts a piece of Dutch cheese yesterday at a Paris market beneath a sign giving the price, for a two-week trial run of the proposed

Spin doctors prescribe dose of cross-Channel passion

tand by for another dose map, much less make his way of the "John and there. love affair Jacques" from the spin doctors of Downing Street. John Major flies to Turin this week to eat an agreeable meal or two with his fellow European Union leaders and we will hear again what a merveilleux rapport the Prime Minister has with President Chirac.

Mr Major's EU friendships are fickle affairs. Only a few years ago, he was being squashed in bear hugs by Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, and we were hearing about how wunderbar was the warmth between Helmut and John. That was in the days when Mr Major wanted to be at the heart of Europe. Herr Kohl eventually decided that his friend John could not even find Europe's heart on the

Then along came the Gaullist M Chirac, talking common sense, national sovereignty and passable English. The French President is coming to London in May and his honeyed phrases will trigger an avalanche of wild predictions that the new Anglo-French alliance is about to undermine the Franco-German relationship and generally upset the balance of power inside the EU. There will be some tactical alliances between Britain and France, but do not be fooled: this partnership is not going beyond the flirting stage, and Mr Major knows it.

The Prime Minister is well aware of M Chirac's real intentions because the President had the courtesy to come and THIS WEEK

weeks before he was elected last year, M Chirac dropped in to No 10. France, he explained. has to stay closer to Germany than to any other EU state. We will be moving closer to you. he told Mr Major, but that will be in order to scare the Germans and to extract bigger concessions from them in the EU. The French are in a gigantic muddle about how to

make Europe work as well for them in the 21st century as it has during the last 40 years. Their Prime Minister makes speeches lauding the superior democratic credentials of the sovereign nation state while the Foreign Minister describes himself as a federalist. Nobody in the French media makes prominent mention of the fact that the president of the Bundesbank has underlined that membership of a single currency means "a permanent political union at the core level of national

Any idea of resolving these contradictions has fallen off the national agenda. The French political class is on an upswing. The strikes and snowbound misery of December are just a memory, the franc is strong and - oh,

delicious irony - the Germans are having a little local difficulty meeting the single currency qualifications.

Ancient Anglo-French quarrels lurk beneath the surface. French ministers are furiously determined to rebuild the exchange-rate mechanism so that British. Spanish and Italian businesses can reap no more advantages from their devaluations against the franc. This could cause sparks when finance ministers meet in Verona next month.

t is not hard to predict how this Panglossian opti-. mism might unravel. Philippe Seguin, the man who almost derailed Maastricht in France, is pressing M Chirac to keep his promises to create year. new jobs. Across the Rhine. the head of the Bundesbank

will not solve the unemployment crisis. France's stubbornly massive public expenditure may not shrink fast

enough, forcing a postponement of monetary union. Europe remains popular, but is it popular enough for Maastricht II? It was four years ago that the Maastricht treaty squeaked through a

referendum. Yet the French put such problems out of sight and out of mind. Press almost any French official or pundit about the wisdom of the single currency and they shrug and say: There's no way back from where we are. Which was more or less M Chirac's warning to Mr Major last

GEORGE BROCK

Tricky birth expected for 'Son of Maastricht'

From Charles Bremner in Brussels

foreplay, the leaders of the 15 nations of the European Union gather in Turin on Friday for the grand opening of a treaty negotiation that none of them really wants.

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With unemployment ravag-ing the continent and a public belief that alien forces are menacing the comforts of the European existence, the time hardly seems right for a return to the forforn fields of

However, the task of the inter-governmental conference, scheduled in the 1991 treaty, is to spend more than a year fixing whatever needs repair in the ramshackle compromise signed at Maastricht and sprucing it up for a muchenlarged Union early in the next century. Rarely since Jean Monnet dreamt up his postwar scheme for Franco-German rapprochement has there been so little stomach for another bold leap and so much confusion over the purpose of the European exercise.

Strange to anyone unused to the rituals of Europe's club is the absence from the agenda of two topics that members find most ominous. Off limits will be economic and monetary union, due for launch in 1999, as well as the painful reform of the agricultural and vital before the EU can absorb up to ten new members from Central and Eastern Europe. Instead, the conference will focus on tuning up the me-

chanics of decision-making and tinker with the roles of the Commission and parliament. In the face of widespread qualms, the best that Euroenthusiasts

from new Treaty of expected in June next vear, is the groundwork for a "flexi-Union. This would

TURIN SUMMIT

bypass Britain and allow the more eager and able states to cluster around Germany at the heart of what should eventually be a diverse new assembly of nations. With a bit of luck, the majority hope. Britain can be prevailed upon to allow the Union to be equipped with stronger machinery for controlling crime and frontiers, for a more common foreign policy and defence.

The mood is hardly auspicious as governments launch their weekly bargaining sessions, most of them to be held

AFTER months of diplomatic regional programmes that are in Brussels. As "Son of Maastricht" has loomed closer and member states have proclaimed competing visions. the public has taken an ever dimmer view of the arcane

confection of 1991. While a big slice of people in Europe supports deeper union. Maastricht's grim image is ensuring that govern-

> tering the conference hard on the defensive. In unison, the politicians are promising to bring Europe back to the citizen with calls for an "employ-

ment chapter" to be written into the new treaty. Behind that point bubbles the discord over the ultimate goal of the Union. Germany and France, along with the Benelux trio, stick to the classic doctrine that the Union is an ultimately political enterprise for ensuring peace and protection from globalisation". On the other side, Britain

and the Nordic states see it more as a mutually beneficial association of nation states which should quickly embrace the whole continent. Britain, to the despair of many, includ-ing some of its own diplomats, has committed itself to a minimal-menu conference. ruling out any concessions before negotiation even opens. The other Europeans assume that Tony Blair will succeed John Major before the endgame but few expect a New Labour government to be much more flexible on key issues such as curbing the national veto and pooling more sovereignty. Jacques Santer, the emollient Commission President, thinks Britain will yield a little from Mr Major's hard line but must be given a helping hand.

At the other extreme, Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, sees the Maastricht review, along with monetary union, as a last chance for Europe to avert upheaval and even war in the next century. Somewhere in the middle, the France of President Chirac is proclaiming renewed attachment to the nation state while uttering ambitions for closer partnership that are a far cry from the grand European design of François Mitterrand. The new imbalance between France and Germany, the old powerhouse of the Community. offers the most telling glimpse of

the tensions in the EU.





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Fiat dynasty takes the driving seat

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

TURIN, the venue for this week's European Union summit, is the birthplace of Italian unity. It is the Piedmont capital in which Cavour proclaimed the unified Italian state in 1861.

The polished diplomats of the Italian Foreign Ministry, who have kept the European spite political chaos at home, would like Turin in 1996 to mark a further stage in the unification of Europe under

the current Italian presidency. However modern Turin is Fiatville, the city of the Italian car industry. It is a place where the acronym Fiat (Fabbrica Italiana di Automobili Torino) means rather more than IGC (intergovernmental conference).

Even the summit venue, the Lingotto, is an imaginative redevelopment of the original 1917 Fiat factory by the great Italian architect. Renzo Piano. Up on the roof, above a complex of restaurants and high-tech auditoriums, is the famous Fiat test track, much praised by Le Corbusier and design as a "superb piece of

engineering". The choice of Turin and the Lingotto to launch the IGC is testimony to the power of a single family: the Agnellis. Susanna Agnelli, the Italian Foreign Minister, is the sister of Gianni Agnelli, the Fiat magnate and the uncrowned "King of Italy". The Agnellis own not only Fiat but also the

food and drink giants

Cinzano, the football team Juventus and the newspaper La Stampa. The city is run by Valentino Castellani, a directly elected

left-wing mayor. However, Signor Castellani's form of socialism is far removed from the radicalism of the Italian labour movement formed led by Antonio Gramsci, the founder of Italian communism. It is even further removed from the twisted Marxism of the terrorist Red Brigades, which were also spawned - though rather

later - on Fiat's factory floor. Perhaps in the knowledge that control of immigration is also high on the EU agenda at Turin, Signora Agnelli has worked with Signor

Castellani to expose a scandal involving senior Italian diplomats in Lagos who allegedly took bribes of up to \$3,000 (£1.900) a time to give Nigerian prostitutes visas. One diplomat is under arrest, as is the Nigerian "madam" in Turin. Florence Enahimian, who allegedly controlled thousands

The spurious reasons given by the women for wanting to visit Italy range from "visiting the Pope" to "taking part in

basketball matches" The xenophobic Northern League, which commands 10 per cent of the vote in Piedmont, is making immigration an election issue. The Italian Government hopes that joint EU action on immigration will defuse this.



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Yeltsin bid to calm nuclear concerns

FROM LEYLA LINTON IN OSLO

PRESIDENT YELTSIN WILL seek to allay Norwegian lears about Russian nuclear waste in the Kola Peninsula 30 miles from their shared border as he begins his first state visit to Norway today.

Bjorn Tore Godal, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, said: "It is the graveyard of the Cold War. There are fuels and materials which are not dealt with properly. Norway is also expected to raise the detention of a worker for an Olso-based environmental group partly lunded by the Norwegian Government Alexander Nikitin, a former Russian naval officer who carried out research on radioactive contamination in Murmansk for Bellona, was arrested in St Petersburg last month. He is charged with treason, a

capital offence. Other issues to be discussed include the Nordic-Russian Barents Council, which formalises co-operation between Russia, Norway. Sweden and Finland and helps Russia in cleaning up its nuclear waste.

Mr Yeltsin will be keen to convince Norway that Russia, which will host a nuclear security summit of the Group of Seven leading industrialised nations next month, is making environmental progress. He may raise Nato's Battle Griffin 96 manoeuvres and other recent Western exercises in northern Norwij which have coincided w increasing worries in Mosc

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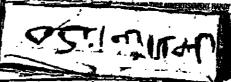
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Australia braced for six-month trial over serial killings

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

A MAN alleged to be Australia's worst serial killer will go on trial today accused of murdering seven backpackers, including two young Britons.

During his alleged rampage, police said they believed lvan Milat, 51, had hunted some of his victims like animals, giving them a head start before stalking them through

the New South Wales bush. The trial will last at least six months and hundreds of witnesses will be called to give evidence. Mr Milat, a road worker, was arrested at his home in Sydney in May 1994.

The trial promises to be one of the longest and most expensive in Australian judicial Mr Milat is charged with

the killing of an Australian couple, three Germans and two British women. Joanne Walters and Caroline Clarke, buth 22.

It was the disappearance of the young British women four years ago that led to the grim discovery of the bodies of all seven backpackers in remote bushland in the New South Wales Southern Highlands.

Ms Walters, from Maesteg, Mid-Glamorgan, and Ms Clarke, from Slaley, Northumberland, were on a working holiday. In April 1992, while hitch-hiking from Sydney to Melbourne, they van-Concerned for their safety, their families flew to Australia as the police mounted a nationwide search. Six

months later their remains were found in the Belanglo State Forest, about 60 miles south of Sydney, Jounne had been repeatedly stabbed and Caroline stabbed and shot ten times in the head and upper

The way the bodies had been left suggested they might have been sexually assaulted. Over the next 14 months, five more bodies were discovered in the dense undergrowth. Two Australians, Deborah Everist and James

missing since December 1989, Simone Schmidl, a 21-yearold German backpacker, had disappeared in 1991. Fellow Germans Anja Habschied and Gabor Neugebauer, also in their early twenties, had last been seen alive in 1992.

All had died from either knife or shotgun wounds and each had disappeared while hitch-hiking from Sydney to Melbourne.

Police launched one of the biggest manhunts in Australian history. Hundreds of people were interviewed, as detectives investigated thousands of different leads.

Their inquiries eventually led them to a suburban bungalow on the outskirts of Sydney, where Ivan Robert Marko Milat, a road repairer. was arrested and subsequently charged with the murder of all seven backpackers.

He was also accused of the attempted murder of another British tourist, armed robbery

and other gun offences. Inside Mr Milat's home, and houses belonging to some of his relatives, police allegedly found gun parts, ammunition and knives, as well as camping equipment said to have belonged to some of the murdered backpackers.

Mr Milat, the son of a Croat, was a non-smoking tectotaller, whose luxuries in life were a four-wheel-drive vehicle and a Harley Davidson motorcyle. He also allegedly enjoyed shooting and Gibson, both 19, had been

His trial, which was delayed because of a dispute over legal aid allowances, is expected to hear evidence from about 200 witnesses. Foreign witnesses are likely to include Joanne and Caroline's parents,

The New South Wales Gov. ernment is offering financial assistance to relatives of the victims who wish to attend the trial. They will also be given free accommodation.



A column of Bosnian Serb prisoners of war, watched by Swedish members of Nato's implementation force. walk to freedom and waiting relatives. The 109 captives were released by the Bosnian Government just before a midnight deadline on Saturday, Earlier, delays in freeing the prisoners brought threats that

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Serb captives walk to freedom

further stalling by the formerly warring parties in Bosnia would be met by sharp international sanc-tions. In a statement issued yesterday, Lieutenant General Sir Michael Walker, the commander of Nato

ground forces in Bosnia, said he welcomed the release but could not consider it a "full compliance" until all prisoners were freed. The men released on Saturday night were taken 30 miles from their Tuzla jail

to a checkpoint near Gracanica. Bosnia-Herzegovina. Almost all the group were captured in the dying weeks of the war last autumn. At the Gracanica bridge, Laurent Fellay, a Red Cross representative, said he expected further prisoner releases in the coming hours and days, but declined to give any details. (AP)

Saddam Hussein of Iraq dismissed yesterday's parliamenvary elections, the first held in his country since 1989, as a

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"It is impossible to hold a free and fair election in a climate of fear, oppression and censorship. said Ahmad Chalabi, chairman of the London-based group, the Iraqi National Congress. "In Iraq there is no freedom of speech. no political parties, no right of assembly, no free press and no independent judiciary."

All 689 candidates, including "independents" running for the 220 seats in the rubberstamp National Assembly. had to be approved by a government screening committee, and all had to be declared supporters of the 1968 coup which brought the

Baath party to power.

The poll has come as Iraq attempts to work out a deal succeed were set back by the law and UN revelations this

The Iraqi National Con-"suffrage for all Iraqis". The

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with the United Nations to sell limited amounts of oil in order to buy food and medicine. Hopes in Baghdad that a campaign led by France and Russia to lift sanctions would President's ruthless disposal of his two defecting sons-inmonth that 16 Scud missiles. some possibly equipped with unaccounted for.

gress last night demanded group added: This cannot take place until the instruments of terror are dismantled and Saddam himself is

candidates 'a farce' By Christopher Walker, middle east correspondent OPPONENTS of President

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Why national tests are so important

t is a truism that we live in an information-rich society and that information is power. But getting the right information to the right people can be difficult, as can helping them interpret it in the right people.

Providing parents with useful, easy-to-interpret information about how their children are doing in school was a key reason for introducing national tests for seven, Il and l4-year-olds. At the end of the current school year the parents of all these children will, for the first time, receive information which shows how they are performing in relation to national standards in English and mathematics and, at ages Il and 14, in science. They will also be given separate results based on teachers' assessments of each child's work.

Parents will learn, for example, that 42 per cent of pupils nationally obtained Level 4 in English at age 11— the level expected of a typical child of that age — that 7 per cent obtained Level 5 and above, and that 45 per cent obtained Level 3 and below. In addition, they will be told how their child is doing in relation to average performance at the school and how the school's performance compares with national averages.

Nick Tate explains the benefits for

pupils and their parents, for teachers

and schools, and for the whole country

All this information is useful to parents for three reasons: as a record of how their child is performing in relation to a standard measure; as a way of identifying their child's strengths and weaknesses,

child's strengths and weaknesses, so helping them in the next stage of their learning; and so that, where they have a choice of schools, parents can exercise this in as

informed a way as possible.

But it is not just parents who are getting value from the tests. Detailed marking of answers can show children how they are performing in the different elements of a subject. The tests also give public recognition to what they have achieved. They motivate them by giving them something to aim for.

There is little evidence that children are intimidated by the

tests. Most appear to rise to the

occasion and even enjoy being the centre of attention. School attendance among 14-year-olds during the test weeks in May is invariably higher than at any other point during the year.

The tests also provide teachers with information which helps them to improve the quality of their teaching. The results often reveal things that teachers did not know — in some cases, it is just that the information is not being extracted or used.

Where the information is particularly useful is in showing schools how well they are doing with certain groups of pupils or aspects of subjects. The results are a powerful management tool for head teachers, who are able to see at a glance how different classes are performing in relation to each other, how levels of attainment

vary across subjects and between boys and girls, and how the school's performance compares with performance nationally and with its results in previous years.

with its results in previous years.
For example, one school, whose gap between boys and girls performance in English was much greater than the national average, is now experimenting with single-sex teaching and reviewing the kinds of texts used as a way of stimulating greater interest among boys.

inally, the tests will enable us to make judgments about whether national levels of attainment are rising or falling, especially in the key areas of literacy and numeracy. It will be possible to set targets for national performance in the same way we have done at ages 19 and 21.

The tests are now an established part of the annual rhythm of schools. Last year was the first in which virtually all seven, Il and 14-year-olds took part. We need the same high level of participation this year if we are to obtain maximum benefit: for pupils, for their parents, for teachers and schools, and for the country as a whole.

 The author is the chief executive of the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority.



Pupils at Audenshaw High School, Manchester, begin their national curriculum test

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Calculators to be outlawed

ELEVEN-year-olds will all have to take a mathematics paper without the aid of a calculator in one of the main changes to the format of this year's tests. David Charter writes.

Charter writes.

Worries about the ability of children to perform mental arithmetic brought the change and may well lead to calculators being banished in both maths papers at Key Stage 2 next year.

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Maths papers for il-yearolds will also be ten intinutes longer after complaints from teachers that
even the best pupils were
struggling to finish last
year. The number of questions and their everall level
of difficulty will be the
same, but the children will
have 45 minutes.

Science questions for Ilyear olds will be more demanding especially to wards the end of the papers. A spokesman for the School Curriculum and Assessment Anthority said, it intended a substantial increase in difficulty for the most challenging questions. The line allowed remains 35 minutes, ilthough there are more

At Stage 3, the 14 jilling olds are to have their English tests on two separate days and will have an extra 15 minutes for the entension paper. In maths, the first two papers will be held on the same day. The extra-sion paper has been seduced by 30 minutes to an hour.

Pupils find their Level

The top two levels of the tests have been dropped this year, although in practice very few 14-year-olds reached the dizzy heights of Level 9 or 10 in previous years. These two levels corresponded to an A grade and a

These two levels corresponded to an A grade and a starred A grade at GCSE, something most 16-year-olds would be pleased to achieve.

National curriculum tests have been designed so the

typical child progresses by a level every two years, starting with Level I at the age of five. Seven-year-olds whose scores in their English and mathematics tests fall below the achievement expected of the average five-year-old will-simply be recorded as work-

ing towards Level I.

The tests assess the work carried out in each of the first three key stages of the national curriculum.

The typical seven-year-old should be at Level 2, the typical 11-year-old at Level 4, and the typical 14-year-old at Level 5 or 6, since the test

omes midway between ex-

Papers are tiered for bider children so they take tests suitable for their own aptitude, and teachers will decide which ones they sit. For example, in maths for IA year olds, there are four alternative tiered papers, covering Levels 3 to 5, 4 to 6, 5 to 7 and 6 to 8. A child thought to be at about Level 5 will be entered for the Level 4 to 6, saper.

All children can take optional extension papers to try to raise their level of achievement. Seven-year-olds can simply take papers designed for H-year-olds, while the H-year-olds can try for Level 6 by taking half-hour papers in science or maths and an hour-long paper in English.

The 14-year-olds, who excel

The 14-year-olds who excel in any of the hour-long extension papers, reaching beyond Level 8, will be given written recognition of their extensional performance.

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Off to a gentle start at seven

John O'Leary on the user-friendly first stage, carefully designed not to alarm the youngest

million seven-yearolds, next term marks a milestone. Their national curriculum tests in May will introduce them to a process that will punctuate their

The results will not affect their future prospects, but they will provide a baseline from which their progress in later years will be judged. They will also provide parents with their first indication of where their children stand in comparison

with others in their school. Reports to be discussed with parents before the end of the summer term will give the levels achieved by the child in English, mathematics and science, and the average for the school. On past form, national comparisons will not be available until early next year.

Every school is required to publish its results in its annual report, so prospective parents can make their own comparisons. But despite some pressure, there will be no league tables for this age group.

By the time they leave

school, the present seven-yearolds will have faced at least four sets of national tests and public examinations. None will be as user-friendly as these. They have been designed specifically to fit into the pattern of work expected under the national curriculum and not to alarm pupils.

The tests have changed significantly since their controversial introduction five years ago. Although still not popular in primary schools, most teachers would admit that the tests are more focused and much less time-consuming than the original Standard Assessment Tasks (SATs).

Some schools have already

tasks in writing, spelling and mathematics, but most prefer to wait until after Easter to minimise disruption.

The tasks are undertaken individually and cover only the first two levels of the curriculum. Children write a short story and read a set piece, with assessment based on their response to the whole passage. In mathematics, last year's candidates used plastic shapes to sort and demonstrate a recognition of pattern; a second section tested counting and subtraction of numbers up to ten, and a third

introduced coins. Class teachers will decide whether children go on to attempt the tests which are pitched at higher levels. In English, for example, those who are judged to have reached Level 3 in May's optional reading comprehension will go on to take a harder



A seven-year-old pupil at a Nottingham primary school

test. Last year's used a booklet containing a story and two

pieces of informative writing. In mathematics last year, the test contained 30 questions to be completed in 40 minutes, moving from arithmetic into algebra, shape and space, and handling data. Science was assessed entirely by teachers without standard tasks, as it

Some schools have intro-"mock tests" duced familiarise seven-year-olds with the process and reinforce earlier learning, but few teachers encourage revision sessions. Most advise parents to treat the test season as normal school days so as not to instil a sense of anxiety into a process that many children actually

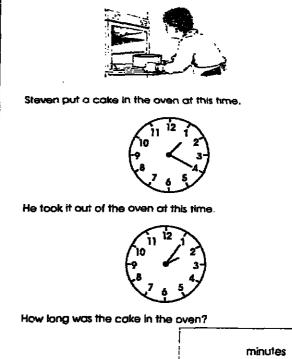
Beating the

this page are taken from last year's tests for children of average ability or above.

A New Home for Toad
formed part of the optional test at Level 2, while the clock question was designed to dentify Level 3 Only 12 per cent of seven-

year-olds calculated the cooking time correctly, but the question was in the most difficult section of the mathematics test.

About 70 per cent of children managed the comprehension questions. although some appeared not to notice that two answers were required.

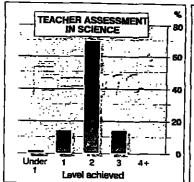


Toad walked all the way back to the pond. "Do I really want a new home?" he asked. Toad decided to go for a swim to think about it. He swam across his same old pond. It felt good. He climbed out of the pand and crawled under his some old stone. It was cool and dark and safe. "Mmmmmmmmmmmmm. . .," said Toad. "I think I'll stay here after all." 11. When Toad got back to the pond he went to sleep. \square ate some food. built a nest. went swimming. 12. In the end Tood decided to live in a shell. under a stone.

up in a roof.

Young spellers fall at the first fens

PERCENTAGE OF PUPILS AT EACH LEVEL FOR EACH ASPECT OF ENGLISH TESTS



ed a third of pupils.

MORE than three-quarters of sevenyear-olds reached the expected level (2) in almost every part of last year's tests, John O'Leary writes. The only exception was spelling, which defeat-

Although lower than the scores registered by schools in 1994, the results were significantly better than those for 11-year-olds.

The spelling of long vowel sounds caused the most difficulty; only one in five spelt "scream" correctly. Most errors in all areas could be traced back to the misapplication of genuine spelling rules, such as "bred" for

'bread" or "fens" for "fence". More girls than boys reached Level 3 in English - almost 40 per cent managed the required standard in reading, compared with 28 per cent of boys. But boys did better than girls in mathematics and science.

Reading information from graphs caused most problems in the mathematics test, although the lowest pass rate was for a question requiring pupils to calculate the change from £3 when buying three 90p pots of daffodils. Only 8 per cent answered

correctly, compared with 90 per cent for the paper's easiest question. Almost nine out of ten children were awarded Level 2 or better in science, which teachers assessed in

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four areas. The separate papers for high-flyers judged capable of reaching Level 4 were taken by so few pupils that only in handwriting did I per cent reach the required mark.

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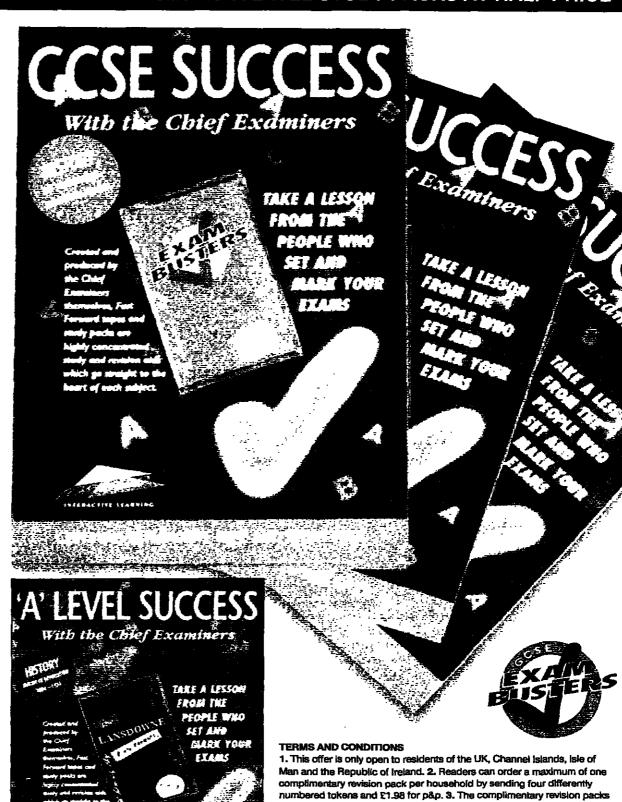
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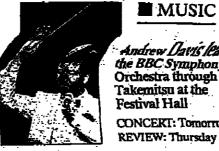
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Hearts lost in dreams

THE title of this short, intense piece sounds like a quotation, and, at a guess, the item being proffered is friendship. However, this is to side with Miriam, who sits in her north London bedsit, dreaming of being loved by Peter, who has the room below. Since Peter is gay, the best she can hope for is to be his good friend, and in this she succeeds, until he

We do not meet this muscular demigod, but he must satisfy enough of Peter's masochistic longings because the play ends with the two men living together, and Miriam back with her daydreams.

Written by Graeme Messer and Clare Basel, who are also the two performers, the work is in part a meditation on fantasy, and, when seen from Peter's point of view, it may be that fantasy kisses are valued more than the real kind.

The focus shifts between Messer and Basel, in her room, in his, on the stairs of a gay disco, and beneath an

More Than Kisses Riverside Studios

eerie bridge that is Peter's special place. We hear just one anecdote about his dead father but we can relate to it his compulsion to abase himself and to worship big strong boots Miriam's fantasy world excludes her childhood, but when Peter becomes her loveobject, she rapturously pictures him as her lover, and in one scene he imagines her as his loving mother. They sleep in each other's arms.

Staging is simple, and the light from the naked, lowwattage bulbs overhead is a fine creator of mood (lighting by Ian Scott): likewise Philip Miller's edgy music.

The language combines Miriam, haunted with wonder, and more devious utterances from Messer's Peter. He has a nervy little smile and a careful politeness of manner with her, but in his room the secrets of his heart hurtle out in a paean of adoration containing submission and aggression in equal measure. It's a sad, passionate, even humorous glimpse at lives brought together by chance and separated by desire.

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Two weddings, no funeral

Twice, Duncan Kenworthy has proved Hollywood wrong. Sue Summers reports



Ted Danson gives televisual appeal to Gulliver's Travels

hen you have just produced the film in British cinema history, you might be forgiven for thinking that the industry's money-men would be falling over themselves to back whatever follow-up project you cared to name. But such has not been the experience of Duncan Kenworthy, whose very first venture into large-screen production was Four Weddings and a

Funeral. In 1994, at the very moment when Four Weddings was hitting the heights at the thy found himself in a windswept car park in Land's End. listening to his American agent on his portable phone.

Your script is dead in Hollywood." the agent **6** There told him. Forget nobody is no wants to do it." The trouble formula was that Kenworthy's followfor success to Four Weddings was in my not another rofield 9

deeply held opinions of the dotty English. It dead. What do you have to do lethal satire in the English language, Jonathan Swift's Gulliver's Travels, a book whose title is known to everyone - even some Hollywood executives — but which is nowadays almost never read

in its sprawling entirety. The cosy, small scale of Four Weddings had no place in Kenworthy's vision of Gulliver's Travels. He proposed not just the usual comic book version of Gulliver and the tiny Lilliputians or the giant Brobdingnagians, but an adaptation of the whole work, including the later, lesserencounters with the Flying Island, the Winims and Yahoos, the Sorcerer and the Struidbruggs. The script, by Simon Moore, had been commissioned seven years earlier, and Kenworthy had amassed two filing cabinets full of

Still, he was hoping that the success of Four Weddings might moderate the attitude of his agent, who had said he would rather have root canal work than read the script of Gulliver ever again.

"I never lose my temper, but when he told me to drop it. something flipped." Kenworthy says. I said to him, Four Weddings cost \$4.5 million and to date it's grossed \$250

million. Nobody wanted to do it. and your agency told me it would never work in America. But it's a big success, and what's happened? Hugh greenlight any film he wants. But what happens to the pro-

told his script is There was a pause, and

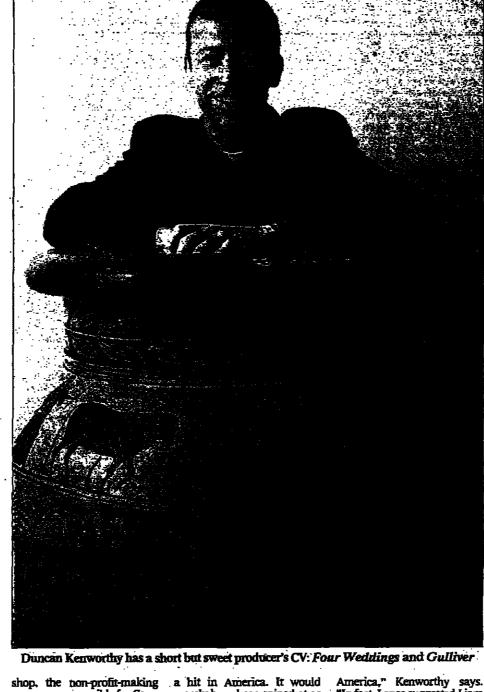
then he said: 'You know,

you're right." The agent was Bill Haber. then one of the top executives at all-powerful CAA, and when he finally got behind the project, results quickly followed. Haber introduced Kenworthy to Robert Halmi Sr., who runs the entertainment division of Hallmark Cards. Halmi sold the idea to the TV network NBC, who put up the bulk of the £13 million budget to make Gulliver's Travels in Britain as a two-part drama starring Ted Danson and his

wife, Mary Steenburgen. The result is that once again Kenworthy has hit the jackpot. When it was shown on American television in February, Gulliver's Travels was watched by an audience of 57 million, making it the highest-rated NBC drama series for

Does Kenworthy's career to date not demonstrate a quite extraordinary gift for anticipating public taste? Modest to a degree hitherto unknown in the film world, the pale, thin Kenworthy goes positively ashen at this invitation to blow his own trumpet. "I'm not going to be talked into that," he says. "I think I've been lucky. There is no formula for success in my field. There'd be a lot of very happy producers around if there were."

Born in Saddleworth, Yorkshire. Kenworthy, 46, is the son of a millowner ("Only a small mill") and got a first in English at Cambridge. He then landed a job in New York with the Children's TV Work-



me Street. Here he met Jim Henson, the creator of the Muppets and, Kenworthy says, "the only true genius I've ever known". He worked for Henson for 16 years, first producing international versions of Sesame Street, then as head of UK production, and was on a subbatical from the Henson organisation when he made Four Weddings.

The film has made him rich enough never to have to work again and means, he says, that he can stop seeking "the holy grail of all British producers a successful film that makes money". He is particularly proud of the fact that Four Weddings earned £27 million at the British box office, secand only to Jurassic Park, "It shows that British audiences will go to see a British film, if it's marketed properly and if it delivers," he says. "But I don't think it would have happened had the film not already been

a giorified TV movie. We don't like to praise our own abilities wholeheartedly, do we?" Whether prior success in

America works equally in favour of Gulliver's Travels will be discovered when Channel 4 shows the series over the Easter weekend. As imagined by the director Charles Sturridge and translated to the screen by some of the hottest new technology available, the visual effects are little short of magical. But Swift purists may object to the fact that Moore has invented an entirely new "framing" story about Gulliver's attempts to reintegrate himself with his wife and society. And, of course, the involvement of NBC dictated

had to be played by an American. "My hope was that there would be a British actor of sufficient marketability in

that the hero of one of the great works of English literature Neeson and the American network concerned said: Could you spell that for us,

please? "On Four Weddings there were no casting limits placed on us whatever. On this, we had fights every day with the American network about who we could make offers to. They insisted on having six recognisable stars and they knew what they wanted -stars of other TV series on their network.

"Danson is a huge TV star in America, but having him won't be a plus over here. Historians say that the English accent of 1726 was, in fact, closer to the American of today. But I understand why people might bridle at the idea of an American playing Gulli-ver. All I'd say is: please watch and decide afterwards."

• Gulliver's Travels will be shown on Channel 4 on Easter Sunda

Cool charge of static electricity

IF AMERICA still has its Big Five orchestras, the Cleveland Orchestra is definitely among them - and pretty high in the pecking order, too. Its concert at the Festival Hall on Thursday night, under music director Christoph von Dohnányi. was one of the highlights of the London International Orchestral Season:

The concert opened with a typically adventurous piece of programming: Ligeti's Atmo-spheres, followed without a break by the Prelude to Act I of Wagner's Lohengrin. This is a gambit that Dohnányi has worked before, and to good effect, for both pieces trade in stasis — or the illusion of it. Atmospheres evokes immobility by the paradoxical means of tiny, intricate movements: the Lohengrin Prelude, which depicts the mystic descent of the Holy Grail, achieves its stillness through more conventional sustained tones. though the texture is a good deal more complex than it sounds to the innocent ear. Both pieces pose consider-

able problems of ensemble, and although the Clevelanders are not flawless in this department, they do play ex-traordinarily well together in a broader sense. Over the dozen years of his directorship. Dohnanyi has welded the various sections of the orchestra into a refined and sensitive instrument.

Those qualities were displayed admirably in the re-

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maining two works: Schu-Symphony and Stravinsky's Firebird music (given complete). Dohnanyi has long given the lie to the notion of Schumann's "muddy" scoring, and here again he showed how a conductor with a good ear can make those textures

rather than thick and turgid. The Firebird score is a gift for an orchestra such as the Cleveland, with star players in its ranks who can still meld well in ensemble. The sheer inventiveness and mastery of Stravinsky's Rimsky-influenced orchestration never ceases to astonish, and his exotic palette of colours was vibrantly exploited.

homogeneous and buoyant

The danger is that surface brilliance becomes an end in itself, and all four items in the programme seemed to me to be characterised by a certain aloofness. But coolness is all part of Dohnanyi's charm. and there is no doubting the fact that it draws inordinately cultivated, high-class playing from the Clevelanders.

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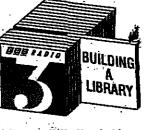
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DEBUSSY'S 24 PRELUDES by BRYCE MORRISON

With characteristic ambition, Debussy aimed to "express the inexpressible" in his 24 Preludes. He also wished to write music "for an instrument without harnmers"; to subdue and transcend the piano's percussive

He would, I feel, have felt disconcerted by several of today's recordings of the Preludes, particularly those by compatriots who, hardened by overfamiliarity, substitute a generalised mezzo forte for those myriad shades of pianissimo which lie at the very heart of Debussian fantasy

and caprice. No one, however, could accuse Claudio Arrau of such indifference. For him every note is worth its weight in gold. Michelangeli (on DG) was capable of the finest Debussy, but he could show an icy disdain for many of the composer's most revealing intimacies. Krystian Zimerman (DG), while hardly less pianistically imperious, is infinitely more caring. On the other hand, his gleaming sonority and pinpoint definition can at times be aggressive. Martino



Tirimo (on IMP Classics) is an elegant and often stylish Debussian, while Gordon Fergus-Thompson (ASV) is more adept at locating the music's emotional undertow.

haracteristically, though, ■ Walter Gieseking took a more direct path to poetic truth and, in General Lavineeccentric (reflecting Debussy's love of vaudeville), he made the composer's tragi-comic figure trip the light fantastic before collapsing in a tipsy heap. His playing has unforgettable wit, subtlety and finesse; common denominators where great Debussy is concerned. EMI's single CD of the Preludes is more than successful, but the new, superbly remastered four-CD boxed set of virtually the complete piano music is both mid-price and beyond price.

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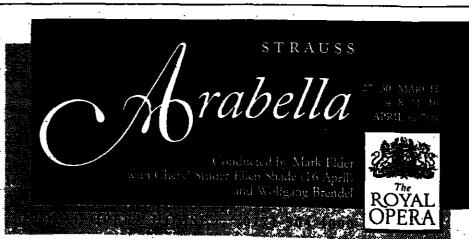
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A foot in both camps

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Everything but the Girl Empire, W12

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t is not the first time they have pulled themselves back from the brink of, if not quite disaster, at least commercial indifference or, worse still, artistic coziness: both 1988's I Don't Want To Talk About It and 1992's Covers EP ended extensive periods of chart drought for Everything but the Girl. But this year the worldwide success of Todd Terry's dance remix of the obsessive Missing has given a particular boost to the collective career of Ben Watt and Tracey Thorn.

Ironically, the success of the track (taken from the duo's seventh studio LP, Amplified Heart) occurred just as its makers had been set free by their previous record label. Now, freshly signed to Virgin, and with a new album imminent, the two find themselves in transitional mode, as Friday night's Empire appearance proved succinctly.

On the one hand, the duo retains a considerable following among those who doted on the melancholic intimacy of their earlier work; on the other, Missing plus the glori-ous results of Thorn's recent collaborations with Massive Attack have drawn in a new and entirely different audience of young clubeoers.

These two camps rubbed shoulders somewhat uneasily here. The old guard seemed thrown by the trip-hop beats and grooves that frame the material on Walking Wound-



Everything but the Girl may be in transitional mode, but the cool and lovely voice of Tracey Thorn remains intact

ed, that forthcoming LP, and so cheered gratefully whenev-er something familiar from the back catalogue presented itself. The new wave, meanwhile, stood semi-patiently through these occasional trips down an acoustic memory lane, patently anxious for the groovy new dance stars within Everything but the Girl to reassert themselves.

Which, repeatedly, they did. For there is no pussylooting around for new-era Ben'n'-Tracey: aided here only by their long-time collaborators. Danny Thompson on double bass and Martin Ditcham on percussion, drums and samples, they discreetly remodelled all but the simplest of their old material (Watt's stark ballad The Night I Heard

just how committed they now are to the brave new world of drum'n'bass, a kind of bossa nova for the millennium. Thorn's cool and lovely voice than the faux jazz stylings of

Caruso Sing remains deeply

affecting) and, on tracks from

Walking Wounded, indicated

Though even more suited to their earliest work, it could not distract from the fact that the

two's new songs - Flipside, Big Deal, Before Today, Wrong — are as strong as anything they have written in years. A daring reinvention then, but a timely and ultimately triumphant one - only the least adventurous of their diehard fans need feel threatened by this progress.

ALAN JACKSON

OPERA: Welsh National Opera makes a brief but triumphant visit to Covent Garden

FOR three nights last week the Royal Opera House was besieged by operalovers desperate to acquire tickets for a short run of sold-out performances. On this occasion, however, though there were singers of the highest calibre on the bill, it was not the spurious glamour of some big name that had

drawn the crowds. Instead, the irresistible attraction was the twelfth Amoco-sponsored London mini-season by Welsh National Opera. Big names have never really been the point at WNO, though Cardiff has nurtured more than its share of great performers. Imaginative stagings, powerful ensemble work and home-grown vocal talent are the company's strengths, and all were in evidence in the two productions brought to London.

It was with Cavalleria rusticana and Pagliacci that WNO made its debut in 1940, and it was with Elijah Mushinsky's new staging of the same double bill that the company opened

Warhorses make a winning run

Rodney Milnes observed when he reviewed this production in Cardiff, Moshinsky's staging makes these operatic warhorses seem entirely fresh. Effectively designed by Michael Yeargan, well-lit by Howard Harrison, it uses wholly traditional means, with Mascagni's surging melodrama set firmly in period, and Leoncavallo's vivid shocker cleverly updated to the 1940s or 1950s.

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Paul Nilon's intense Tom Rakewell

is no match for Bryn Terfel's commanding Nick Shadow, but nor should he be. Alwyn Mellor's unaffected Anne and Claire Powell's colourful Baba the Turk make a similarly well-contrasted pair. Mark Wigglesworth's sensitive and searching reading may not be the only way to approach Stravinsky's acerbic, eclectic score, but the result is persuasive and often ravishing.

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of Einstein's legacies is gathering speed. With the aid of a new I million grant from the Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council, British and German astronomers have begun building one of four detectors around the world designed to pick up gravitational waves, produced by some of the universe's most spectactular

Exploding stars, black holes swallowing each other, rotating neutron stars and the Big Bang itself are all believed to convert huge amounts of energy into gravitational waves. These waves, first postulated by Einstein's general

theory of relativity in 1916, are assumed to sweep unseen and undetected through the universe, passing easily through matter.

The effect of a passing wave is so slight as to be virtually undetectable. In the GEO600 instrument being built near Hanover, the movement will be picked up by an instrument consisting of two tubes at right angles to one another, each a near-perfect vacuum and with the world's best mirrors at each end to reflect laser light to and fro along the arms.

When a gravitational wave arrives, it will alter the length of one of the arms relative to the other. By a distance that is a small fraction of the diameter of the nucleus of a single atom. The movement will be detected by small changes in the interference patterns formed by the reflected laser light.

Each leg of the GEO600 instrument is 600 metres long. making it considerably smaller than the two LIGO detectors in America, each of which is 4km long, But GEO600 will be the first to operate first at design sensitivity and has sophisticated instrumentation that could enable it to be the first to make a

In practice, to be sure that the event is real and not a tremor or an instrument failure, more than one instrument is needed. If the same event is recorded at

the same time by GEO600, the two LIGO instruments, and a fourth detector being built by the French and Italians, it is reasonably sure to be a gravitational wave. The British teams involved come from the Universities of Glasgow and Wales at Cardiff, and are collaborating with two German groups, at the University of Hanover and the Albert Einstein Institute in Potsdam. Professor Bernard Schutz, who directs both the Cardiff and Potsdam groups. says: "The first detection of gravitational waves will be a momentous event for physics. But the real payoff will be the insight they give us into what is happening in parts of the universe that only gravitational waves give us any chance of seeing."



TIMES TODAY's copy of The Times carries a number with pro-

found resonances for those who think in systems other than decimal. The fact that we have reached issue number 65.536 may seem unremarkable, save as evidence of an exceedingly long life. But in binary notation, the language spoken by computers, 65.536 is written as 1 0000 0000 0000 0000.

Binary notation, of course, is based on the number two. In familiar decimal notation. each digit reading from the right represents factor is two. So the binary number of today's issue can be read, from the right, as no twos, no fours, no eights, no los, and so on ... until finally we get one digit, which represents two to the power of 16 - or 65,536 to you and me.

I am indebted to David Charlesworth, a computer specialist from Woking, for pointing out the significance of today's number. "Since The Times is a technologically orientated paper you will already have spotted it," he wrote rather flatteringly. But I'm sorry to admit that without his intervention it would have entirely passed me by. He says it is emblazoned on his mind from programming the IBM PC, which uses a 16-

Fish probe for human genes



AN 18-INCH Japanese fish that can blow itself up into a spiky ball is proving useful to Glaxo Wellcome scientists searching for the human genes responsible for migraine and other diseases.

The puffer fish — Takifugu rubripes, or fugu for short — has genes very like those of man, but more tidily packed. The fugu genome is about 7.5 times smaller than ours. largely because the fish carries much less "junk" DNA - the bits that lie between the genes and have no apparent purpose. The beauty of this, says Dr Mike Trower,

is that they can take markers linked to disease genes in man and use them as probes to find the corresponding markers in fugu. Since there will be less intervening material between the marker and the gene in fugu, it will be easier to locate the gene than it is in man. Then they can use the fugu gene as a probe to pin down the site of the

corresponding human gene.
So far, they have used the fish to map part of human chromosome 14, which is linked to early-onset Alzheimer's disease. They have found three genes linked in the same order in fugu as in man — but occurring along a length of DNA which is 50 times shorter. This has made it possible to slash the time needed to map the genes.



It's good to talk . . . an example of female networking, from the film A Day to Remember. Two thirds of conversations are about social topics

men and together, the men often steer the talk towards work, religion or politics. Yet when men talk to men, or women to women, these subjects hardly get a

What is going on? Professor Robin Dunbar of Liverpool University, the author of a new book on language, sees the process as a vocal "lek". Animals such as antelopes or birds — including peacocks pose and preen themselves in display areas called leks in an attempt to attract mates.

The females wander from one male to another, inspecting the goods on offer, and making their choice. Much the same process is going on around the dinner table as the men compete to present their

The evolution of gossip

Did humanity

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Nigel Hawkes

reports on an

intriguing theory

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views on John Major's leader-ship with all the flourish of a peacock displaying his tail. That's males all over: lekking is in their genes.

What men talk about is another clue. Studies of the content of conversations made by Professor Dunbar's group show that both sexes spend about two thirds of the time talking about social topics gossiping, to put it bluntly. But while women tend to gossip about other people's social experiences, men gossip main-

ly about their own. The women are engaged in networking, the men in advertising," says Professor Dunbar. This difference, he believes, sheds light on the

very origin of language itself. He began his research as an expert on primates, the group to which Homo sapiens belongs. If you measure the brain size of different primates, as Richard Byrne and Andrew Whiten of St Andrews University did, you find that the size of the neocortex is closely correlated with the size of the groups in which the animals normally congregate.

The larger the groups, the larger the neocortex. Primates who live in

champions, language evolved not to make men more effective hunters, but so that their wives could gossip. "Our ancestors could not have evolved without a new mechanism for grooming — and that was language," he says.

anguage has certain key features that enable it to function in this way, he argues. You can talk to several people at once, while you can groom only one. It can also convey a lot more information. "If the main function of

grooming for monkeys and apes is to build up trust and personal knowledge of allies, then language has an added advantage." he writes in his new book. Grooming, Gossip and the Evolution of Lan-guage. "It allows you to say a great deal about yourself, your likes and dislikes, the kind of person you are: it also allows you to convey in numerous subtle ways something about your reliability as an ally and a friend."

This analysis of the origins of language may seem rather a comedown compared with earlier claims that it evolved to aid hunting ("there's a herd of bison down by the lake") or to exchange stories about the origin of the tribe or supernatural forces. But the way we use language today seems to back

In both men and women, two thirds of conversations are not about BSE, the state of the economy or other important

So, it would seem, is the size for primates, it appears that

dues. "Free-riders" or "social cheaters" are the bane of such communities: people who exploit other people's willingness

In the short term, it often pays to cheat. Who hasn't parked on a double yellow line, despite knowing that keeping the road clear of parked cars is in the interest of the community? "People who don't buy their round", in Professor Dunbar's phrase, can cause any society to split up. One of the functions of language, and especially of gossip, is to keep such people. in line; though, if so, it doesn

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The answer, he suggests at the end of his book, may be to recognise that we evolved to



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their wives could gossip

groups need to solve complex social problems, Professor Dunbar explains. They spend a lot of time grooming each other. This seems to be the main mechanism for bonding primate groups together. It cements alliances and makes

But there is a problem. The larger the group becomes, the more time is needed for grooming to keep everybody's relationships in order. In baboons and chimpanzees, which typically form groups of about 50 to 55 individuals, the time spent in grooming is

If human beings, with their bigger brains and bigger social groups, were to cement their relationships in the same way, a whopping 40 per cent of their time would be spent in grooming, leaving perilously little left for feeding, travelling and other vital activities. "No primate group that has ever been studied spends more than 20 per cent of the time grooming," Professor Dunbar

Enter language, a far more efficient way of oiling the social wheels than grooming. In the "social brain" hypothe- the best natural group for

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human experience. "It is a typical village size in traditional societies, it is the size of the smallest military unit, the company, in most armies, and it is also roughly the number of people most of us send Christmas cards to, if you remember that most cards go sis which Professor Dunbar to families, not individuals." Of course, in modern societies people live in much large groups than this, millions-

human beings is about 150.

bar, fits in pretty well with

This, says Professor Dun-

strong if they live in cities. "But 150 is about the number of people we all know well enough to join uninvited in a bar, or ask a favour of without embarrassment," he says. "It is also roughly the number of living descendants you would expect a couple to have produced after four generations at the birth rates observed in peasant societies."

Religious communities also converge on this magic number. The Hutterites of North America have communities that are always split into two when they reach 150; larger than that, they say, and it becomes difficult to control members by peer pressure. The problem with modern

communities, Professor Dunbar argues, is that as they grow much larger than this ideal number it becomes harder for people to see why they should continue paying their

flourish in much smaller groups than we experience today. Fortunately, our behaviour is capable of adaptation. Recognising human limita-tions and how they can be circumvented, if necessary by recreating the kinds of social environment in which we function best, could make the world seem a less alienating place, he concludes.

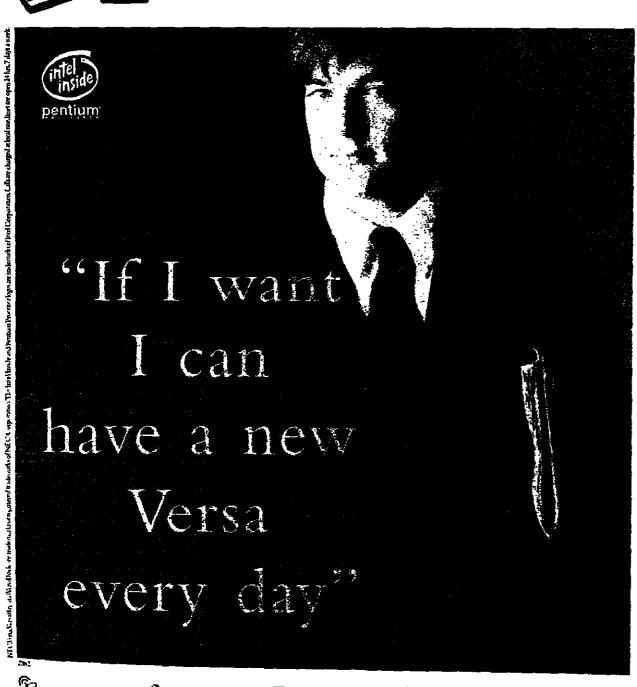
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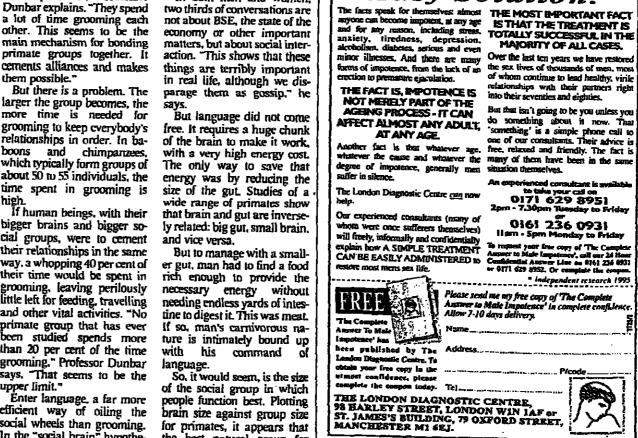
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mma Thompson will know tonight if she has won another Osshe already keeps in her downstairs loo. The chances are good, since she has been nominated in two categories for Sense and Sensibility but even if she misses out it

will be nothing personal. As the Oscars remind her almost every year, in America she is among friends. At a book signing she gave in Los Angeles to promote her screenplay for Sense and Sensibility, first-edition collectors turned up at the crack of dawn.

By lunchtime, a queue of 600 admirers snaked its way round the block. The manager said only Colin Powell would have drawn a bigger crowd. When she missed a prize at Cannes last year for her title

role in Carrington, one of the country's most respected critics said his personal consolation was that "no prize is good enough for her". And when People magazine voted her one of the world's 50 most beautiful people, its editors threw in for good measure Christopher Reeve's opinion that she combined the "humour and style of Katharine Hepburn and the artis-

tic integrity of Vanessa Redgrave". This is not Sharon Stone or Meryl Streep. It is our Emm, the headgirlish former Footlight with the imperfect nose and the expressive top lip, who bombed eight years ago with a television comedy series.

mocked in Britain as a luvvie and a frump and a smug one at that. Yet on her every trip to America she is showered with flattery and accolades. She is revered as one of the finest actresses of her

Thompson is still

She is also considered sexy not just because she is English and a movie star. Why else would Vanity Fair persuade her to be photographed more décolletée than Sharon

generation, beloved as a per-

one herself? In 1993, she won her first acting Oscar for her role as Margaret Schlegel in Howard's End. She was nominated twice the following year, for In the Name of the Father. Tonight she stands to win two more gold statues - one for her screenplay, the other for her performance as Elinor Dashwood, Such adoration has a way of making people feel welcome. We should not be surprised if, sooner or later, she considers joining her fellow expats in the hills of

Southern California. Not long after her success with Howard's End, Thompson agreed to an interview

As the film world prepares for another orgy of selfcongratulation. Giles Whittell investigates an

unlikely romance with the comedian Robbie Coltrane. In it he mentioned a Sunday Times article deriding her comfy Hampstead socialism and her tendency to be gushingly nice about other actors — the defining charac-

teristic of a luvvie. Coltrane muttered that perhaps Emma didn't want to talk about it, but Emma was happy to explain that "it's sort of a national characteristic



Thompson with her Oscar in 1993

among the British to take the piss out of any public figure who offers the slightest excuse. This is true, of course. We love taking people down a peg or two, especially those born with more than their fair share of natural advantages."

But we also hate being made to squirm. She made us do this with Thompson. Her stunningly pretentious one-woman comedy series in 1988 was so unfunny one had to assume its star was bored with praise (for her work in Fortunes of War and Look Back in Anger) and

The tabloids duly in-vited her to roll up her "smug, self-re-garding sketches" about sexism and semantics, and "stick them up her baggy boiler suit". The wider public was not much more impressed. Ratings were dread-

ful and the series died after its first short season. Thompson went on to tell country "where they admire failure". If so, her series ought to have made her an overnight sensation. In fact we kicked her when she was down, sneering that the comeback she launched the following year as Lady Anne in Henry V was all thanks to its star, her new husband. Kenneth

The truth is not that we admire her failure but that we envy her success. How could an ordinary-looking woman who walks and talks not unlike the rest of us win so much fame and money from doing just that? That she is an avowed blue-stocking - not hip, nor dangerously selfdestructive - only makes it

worse. Why her?
One could moan on about her now-defunct marriage to Ken, and about the cliquishness of their joint efforts, from Much Ado About Nothing to

Peters Friends. But what really rankles her fellow Brits is her global bankability and the way she makes it look so easy. It is not easy. If it were we would all be making millions letting the camera dance over our nuanced. Merchant Ivory expressions. Deep down, we know this. Deep down, we know she has a lucrative talent for acting that the rest of us lack.

In America, of such qualities are heroes made. Talented, successful people are put on pedestals to be emulated or at least admired, and are left there until brought down by scandal or prolonged bad form. The cult of celebriimmunises them from excessive scrutiny of their private lives and

politics unless they court and so far Thompson (unlike Hugh Grant) has not Neither has failure toppled

It helps that Thompson the series - was never shown in America. It is also true that her peculiarly earthy English wit can seem pungent and exotic in the multiplexes of the Midwest but not at all at

Journal enthuse that "sitting in front of a spectacular sunset at the Four Seasons Hotel in Beverly Hills, [Thompson] is a Sense and Sensibility, Stanley Kaufman writes in The New Republic, she is a magnificent acting talent whose "power of inner transformation is so acute as to be almost uncanny". According to Time magazine she is simply "dear

Ms Thompson". Tonight's event has a power probably matched only by Wimbledon to anoint a couple of single-minded individuals the toast of the globe for a few Coltrane that Britain was a fleeting hours.



individuals again this year. Should she win, even Fleet Street might decide the time is right for a gruff but very British reconciliation. Thompson herself would not be surprised. As she said recently: "I have a rather strange, familiar relationship with the press in England. They're like very, very grumpy parents."

Both of the Mandelas deserve our sympathy, says Tunku Varadarajan

We should pity Winnie, too

Mandela last week as he squeiched through a messy divorce from Winnie, his wife for 38 years. There was no contest in it: everyone's Desert Island statesman versus a convicted kidnapper, a proven adulteress, a vulgar spendthrift, a one-time advocate of the "necklace".

Saint versus sinner, said the more polished headlines. Nelson free from Evil Winnie, yapped the tabloids. But isn't the story more complex than that? Are we right to detest Winnie Mandela as freely as



the last for many in our care, the warmth of your compassion was beyond nortal praise. May your kindness be blessed by peace and good health during Easter and all

Sister Superior

with the view that Mr Mandela is "good" and Mrs Mandela "bad". Yet his greatness and her decline are not unrelated. When Mr Mandela married Nomzamo Winnie Madikizela in June 1958, Winnie's father gave warning that their marriage "in such difficult" times would be unremittingly tested. It was to prove to be a merciless trial.

Mr Mandela loved his wife. Take these words from Long Walk to Freedom, his autobiography published in 1994: "Her spirit, her passion, her youth, her courage, her wilfulness: I felt all of these things the moment I first saw her."

But only four years after their wedding, Mr Mandela was imprisoned for "treason": he was released, in one of the most compelling moments of our time, 27 years later. If those years were grim, they were equally dark for his wife. At the trial on Tuesday, Mr Mandela said something that must not go unchallenged. To his wife's contention that she had suffered and "sacrificed everything for their mar-riage", he countered coldly that "there were many women in this country who suffered

far more". This is not true. Winnie was hounded like no other South African. She had married a man who "became a myth" — to use Mr Mandela's words — and no trick was spared to break her



Freedom from years in jail . . . and from Winnie

spirit. In the end that spirit was broken, but not in the way the authorities intended. The persecution drained her of humanity, putting in its place a bitterness that found

expression in vengeance. "The struggle" became an alibi for every crime; "the struggle" became the cheerless drug of the Mother of the Nation. The nobility of her hus-

band may have put her on the path of evil, but it was a path on which she chose to stay. Mr Mandela has understood this all along. holding himself responsible for the onset of her moral rot, but unwilling to accept the upliness of Winnie's hubris. When he looked at her in court once it was as if to say: Winnie, you have lost the gift

of self-disgust, and for that I must divorce you. He will be a less lonely man now. His imprisonment to Winnie - an imprisonment to

the pains of his conscience -has ended. There can be no loneliness greater than that of a loveless marriage. The Old Man will now enter one void as he leaves another. "I cannot say for certain if there is such a thing as love at first sight, but I do know that the moment I first

glimpsed Winnie Nomzamo, I knew that I wanted to have her as my wife." He saw her first at a bus stop in Johannesburg he divorced her nearly 40 years later in the same city. One is relieved, now, at Mr Mandela's freedom. But is it so wrong to feel sorry for Winnie?



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He caught my eye, then he caught me catching his eye. Has anyone looked into this eye-catching subject?

ow do we know another person is L looking at us? Before shrugging your shoulders and replying that the answer, obviously, is that we can see if they are, think for a moment what a remarkable perception it is, the perception that someone (or something) has caught your eye. It is unique amongst perceptions.
You can "see" (for in-

stance) a field, or a street or a cat crossing the street towards you. But to say that you see the cat looking at you describes a visual picture which differs only in the tiniest respect from the visual picture in which the same cat is not looking at you. The differ-ence between these two pictures consists of one thing only: the precise location within the cat's eyes of the

when you were looking at irises and pupils. Between the scene in which the approaching cat is looking at you and the scene in which it is not. readers will say "so what?" to that. But of those who, there are absolutely no

other differences. Yet any child attempting a "spot the difference" competition in a magazine would light immediately on this discrepancy, while he might search in vain for a much bigger one --such as the appearance in one picture of a chimney, absent

distinguish 300 positions of the iris from the other If research were con-How it is achieved I cannot say. Why it is achieved is obvious. A moment's reflection on Darwinian principles of sur-

Amateur

research

shows that

at 17 yards

the human

eye can

ducted, it would show that on viewing a scene we go quickly to the eyes of any living creature within it, making an urgent and very, very precise judgment about the position of the irises with respect to the rim of the socket within which How precise? Well, try standing shoulder to shoulder with someone and fac-

ing a third person 17 yards away. The person at a distance would not need to move his head, only his eyes, to look from one of you to the other. Which of you is he looking at? It is amazing from how great a distance we can judge this. I have tried some simple experiments over the weekend, and established that in a good light 17 yards is roughly the distance within which this judgment can be made with accuracy.

By means of a rough test I have established, too, that, standing in the middle of a square room, facing one wall and keeping your head still you can just about focus. "from the corner of your eye", on someone in both corners of the room, to your left and your right. The sweep, of about 90 degrees, is the approximate locus-

able range. Two people measure about a yard across, shoulder to shoulder. I think this means that without moving his head, a man can encompass a visual sweep through an arch of some 25 people, standing shoulder to shoulder 17 yards away, and each one of them can

tell when he is looking at

at 17 yards, the human eye

can distinguish and identify

within the eyes of another

creature at least 25 different

positions of the pupil within

the whites of the eyes, and

that is moving only horizon-

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drew the line at standing

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der I have been unable to

determine the vertical

sweep of accurate is he

looking at me?" vision. If it

is half as extensive, that

yields a total of some 300

distinguishable locations

In other words, if you

are looking at a wall of 300 faces 17 yards away, you

could tell which pair among

600 eyes was looking at you

And each of those 300 pairs

would know immediately

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how it can be achieved? Short-

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survives blurred

vision quite well.

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yet you know that

the driver is look-

ing at you.

ping nature of the sensa-

looked at distracts us in so

subversive a way that it is

To watch someone who

does not know that he

hard to concentrate on any-

is being watched brings an almost primal

feeling of personal advan-tage. To be watched, we

know not why, profoundly undermines. To suspect we

are being watched without

being able to prove it (as

any paranoic will tell you)

And to exchange glances

to experience the sensa-

tion of looking at another as

he or she looks at you -

must be, in any category of

familiar human moments,

one of the most basic: it can

be of spine-tingling power.

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This in turn means that

him or her.

There is still controversy over the real cause of the Plague of Athens, despite its importance to the history of the ancient world; we know that syphilis was epidemic at the Siege of Naples in the 1490s, but cannot be certain whether it was taken to America by Columbus in 1492, or brought back from there; we do not even know for sure whether, as seems likely, the HIV virus crossed the species barrier from monkey to man. We should, however, make the general assumption that diseases have a long history, and exist for

> transmute and can become much milder, or more dangerous. The dictionary seems to suggest that BSE itself may always have existed among cattle. Since the 16th century, a disease, or a group of diseases, known as "the staggers" have been recorded. The Oxford English Dictionary defines "staggers" as "a name for various diseases affecting domestic animals, of which a staggering gait is a symptom". The first citation is from 1577, "if he [a bullock] has the staggers, he wyl looke very red about the eyes". The mid-19th-century veterinary writer W.C.C. Martin, in his book Ox, refers to "inflammation of the brain, phrenzy, mad staggers or sough and apoplexy".

centuries before they are accurately

identified. Of course, diseases do

"Staggers" appears in Samuel Johnson's great Dictionary of 1755, though he calls it "a kind of horse apoplexy": he quotes Shakespeare, his horse starks boiled with the staggers". No doubt the Oxford Dictionary is right that the staggers were symptomatic of various diseases, but nevertheless it seems probable that BSE was one of them. and existed as a rare disease in cattle, as Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease has been in human beings, for a long time. The comparable disease in sheep, scrapie, has of course been much more common, and is more freely trans-

The species barrier may not protect us completely, but this disease may have existed for centuries iseases come and go, and their history is obscure.

Let's not all go mad about BSE after the initial HIV infection certain- Jakob in New Guinea. That was cau-

can become infected with the scrapie agent, but there is no evidence of cross-infection of this sort by the BSE agent, which passes either by eating infected material or possibly by breeding from infected cattle.

The point is not merely an acad-

emic one. No one can prove that the "mad staggers" was the same as "mad cow" disease, but in some cases it probably was. If that is so, human beings have been cating BSE-infected animals for hundreds of years. If the BSE agent easily crossed the species barrier and infected humans, one would expect there to have been many clusters of Creutzfeldt-Jakob, in families and even in whole villages which had consumed the same infected carcass. In pre-20th-century medicine the condition could not have been precisely diagnosed, but the clusters themselves would have been remarked upon - it might well have been thought that this was a hereditary disease, concentrated on particular families and communities. In Somerset it is in any case widely believed that the present epidemic

did not start in the mid 1980s, but some years earlier. There is anecdotal evidence of cows suffering from what would now be diagnosed as BSE in the late 1970s, and these cases were not confined to the West Country. No one knows what the latency period of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease is in human beings. Most infections which have a long latency period, such as syphilis or Aids, have a very variable one — the onset of full-blown Aids

ly varies from less than three to more than 20 years. If BSE-infected cattle from the early stages of the present epidemic were being eaten, wholly without precautions, by human beings as long as 20 years ago, then one would expect a human epidemic to be only too evident by now, if human beings were highly susceptible. There were only 40 cases of Creutzfeldt-Jakob in 1995.

The ten cases which have changed the view that BSE is most unlikely to

William Rees-Mogg

infect human beings are paralleled by a small epidemic in cats, although there does not seem to have been a comparable epidemic in dogs, which must also have eaten their share of BSE-infected meat and offal. The cat epidemic has been a small one fewer than 200 infected cats seem to have been reported — and is now rapidly trailing off, with about one case a month. The epidemic in cttle itself is also now past its peak, though the total numbers have been much larger, and the epidemic has persisted

longer than was originally expected. I suspect that the cattle epidemic may eventually prove to be similar to the recorded epidemic of Creutzfeldtsed by cannibalism. Until the mid 1980s, cattle were being fed the meat of other cattle in their protein feeds. They were at the same time being fed sheep protein, which in some cases would inevitably have contained the scrapie agent. The rapid spread of the epidemic suggests that it is rather more likely to have been an indigenous cattle disease than a crossspecies sheep disease. Cows have historically been able to crop scrapieinfected pastures quite safely, where sheep become infected. The infection of some zoo animals, cats and possibly the ten human beings, does sug-gest that the BSE agent may be able in some cases to cross the species barrier, nevertheless, the history of the disease, probably existing in sporadic form for centuries, and in epidemic form for 20 years, suggests that the risk to humans is likely to prove low. There were only four suspected cases in 1995, which is at least ten and probably 20 years after the first exposure of substantial human populations to the BSE agent. It seems likely that the species barrier is still a substantial safeguard, even if it

proves not to have been a perfect one. Nevertheless, people will feel safe eating beef only when the whole British herd is BSE-free. These ten cases have raised a doubt, and no one can be sure whether the human epidemic will prove non-existent, tiny, as it has been so far, small, as it has been with cats, or larger. If the cross-species infection reached the same level in human beings as in cats, the deaths

from Creutzfeldt-lakob disease might rise from about the present 50 spontaneous cases to about 200 cases

a year, or something on that scale. The experience of local farms in Somerset seems to support the view that the animal feed was responsible for the epidemic. A small local dairy farm has always bred its own cows and grown its own feed: it has not had a single case of infection. Another somewhat larger farm used to buy in some feed: early in the epidemic it had three cases of BSE, all in cows which had eaten feed from a single delivery. This farm too has decided to rely entirely on home-grown feed. and has had no recurrence of the disease. As I understand it, there have been no cases of BSE on organic farms, except among bought-in cattle. It is safe to say that nobody will ever again try to turn herbivorous cows into cannibal carnivores.

The Government ought now to concentrate on producing a BSE-free national herd as quickly as possible. Only when that has been achieved will other countries be willing to import British beef, or will British consumers feel entirely safe in buying it. The evidence is that much the largest reservoir of BSE infection is among the older dairy cows. A policy of culling them, with full compensation and not necessarily all at once, followed by post-mortem examinations to establish whether they were showing early symptoms of the disease, could speed the ending of the epidemic. That at least ought to be done,

At the same time, disease-free herds should be identified. No doubt there has been evasion and some downright lying — otherwise a policy of separating the disease-free from the high-risk herds would be straightforward. Yet the Government's objectives should be those that commonsense suggests. First we need to establish beyond doubt which herds are already clear. Then we need to establish that the epidemic is over, and that Britain is clear of BSE.

The ins and outs of power

Peter Riddell

on the prospects for a Parliament

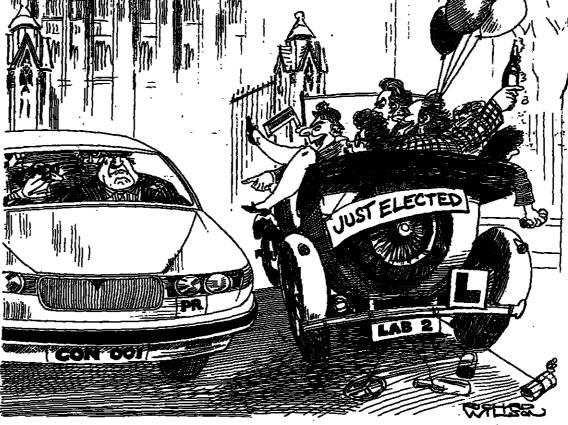
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vival suggests that, for both the hunter and the hunted, to know, quickly, fter the next election, the typical new Tory MP will be whether one is being oba male former special advisserved must be critical. Life a male lotties special er to a minister, with Eurodepends on it. This may sceptic views. The new Labour MP is. explain the absolutely gripfor the first time, as likely to be female as male, and will have strong local tion that someone is looking at us. Indeed, unless connections and broadly loyalist we are talking to one instincts. The new Tories will have another (in which case eyebeen trained to serve in government, contact is expected), the while the new Labour members will knowledge that one is being have almost no knowledge of White-

hall. So the rival groups of new MPs will be prepared for precisely the opposite of what each is likely to face. The look of the post-election Commons is becoming clear. The vast majority of candidates to replace retiring MPs, to fight winnable marginals and in the new seats created by boundary changes have already been picked. Further retirements and selections will not alter the pattern shown by a new analysis from the Public Policy Unit, a political consultancy. This has been prepared by Andrew Lansley, former ad of the Conservative Research Department and now candidate for Cambridgeshire South; David Gardner. who masterminded Labour's successful handling of the boundary changes; and Paul Wheeler, Labour's former elections co-ordinator. If Labour gets the 4.3 per cent switch of votes from the Tories since the 1992 election that it needs for a bare

overall majority, there will be at least 149 new MPs, a quarter of the Commons. This would include 84 new Labour MPs and 55 new Tories. A third of the new arrivals, and half the new Labour members, will be women. Labour's defeat in the courts over all-women shortlists makes little difference. But there may be only four new women Tory MPs.



roughly matching retirements. The total number of women MPs is likely to rise to well over 100, compared with 62 now and as few as 19 after the 1979 election. The feminisation of the Commons, particularly on the Labour side, is already making it less of a male-dominated club - reinforcing the changes in its working hours and practices. In that respect, it is becoming more representative of the electorate as a whole.

But in other crucial ways the Commons is becoming less represen-tative. Not only are fewer and fewer working-class people being elected, but more and more new MPs are already full-time politicians, whether as special advisers, political researchers or consultants, full-time council-lors or union officials. The shift I identified in my 1993 book Honest Opportunism has accelerated. Of the

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roughly 50 new candidates picked in seats which the Tories would retain if Labour won a bare overall majority. half are already professional politi-cians. This includes ten former special advisers or members of the Downing Street policy unit, three former heads of department at Conservative Central Office and ten former MPs. Three of the four women are already career politicians (a member of the European Parliament, a former MEP and a former special adviser).

By contrast, only two - David Prior in Norfolk North, son of Jim Prior, the former minister and chairman of GEC, and Owen Patterson in Shropshire North - have direct connections with manufacturing, as opposed to financial services or consultancy. There will be eight

lawyers, but only two farmers. While a majority of the new Tories will be London-based and work in the private sector, most of the new Labour MPs will have local, non-metropolitan roots and strong links to the public sector. Connections with Labour's leaders seem a positive disadvantage. By contrast with the early 1960s, when right-wing unions en-sured the selection of allies of Hugh Gaitskell. Tony Blair is able to pull few strings - although he may be able to just before the election, when the national executive can impose candidates. The one-member, onevote method of selecting candidates, strongly backed by Mr Blair, has so far favoured people with local affiliations. Only about a fifth of Labour candidates in target seats are already

professional politicians in the way that half the Tories are, but many more work in local government or in self-employed jobs which allow them to pursue their primary interest of becoming MPs. On this broader definition, at least half of the new Labour MPs will be career politicians.

The ideological impact is harder to assess, in part because most candidates and MPs do not have firm, or a any rate consistent, views. Few local parties set an ideological test in selections. Plausibility is more important than polity. One jaundiced veteran said local activists wanted to hear their bourgeois, or petty-bourgeois, prejudices articulated in a respectable way. Assaults on the liberal est-ablishment are applauded, as are assertions of traditional Tory values on the family, law and order and taxes. Advocating more privatisation and similar radicalism goes down less well. None of this is any guide as to how future MPs will behave, with the crucial exception of European issues. Many knighted pro-Europeans of the Heath generation are being replaced by Euro-sceptics.

n the Labour side, the Public Policy Unit reckons that most of the future MPs are likely to be loyalist, as most of the 1992 intake who won Tory marginals have been. They have backed Mr Blair's "new" Labour approach because it has worked for them. There may be only two obvious recruits to the hard Left in winnable seats (Ann Cryer, widow of the former MP, in Keighley, and John McDonnell in Hayes and Harlington). Many others may, of course, be going along with the prevailing loyalist fashion, and their "old" Labour sympathies, particularly over the public sector, might surface later,

As important as guessing the new ideological shape of the Commons is the further advance of the career politician. Despite pledges about recruit-ing more candidates with broader experience, the British political class is becoming narrower - and, apart from the growing number of women MPs, less representative of the electorate as a whole. This will do nothing to check the public's growing

Pole position

POLISH aristocrats in London cannot contain themselves at the prospect of the Queen's visit today to their homeland. They are lobbying once more for a king of their own, and proposing the Duke of Kent as their candidate — and I understand that he has been brushing up on his Polish.

The prospect may seem fanciful, but, as I explained when emigres first mooted the idea of a king last year, the Polish parliament used to elect its monarch, and Poland's wartime leader in exile. General Sikorski, put up his great friend the then Duke of Kent for the throne.

Unfortunately, the Duke was killed in an air crash in 1942, but London's Poles hope that his son might step into the breach some 200 years after the last King of Poland. Stanislaus II, died in a Russian prison.

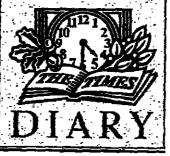
The current Duke seems to be taken with the notion. I'm told that he is now being given Polish lessons by the delightful dauber Basha Kaczmarowska Hamilton (client: the Duchess of York) as she paints his portrait. But Basha,

usually effusive, proves bashful about the Duke. She refuses to breathe a word concerning her noble client and potential monarch.

 Last week, I reported that the ageing crooner David Bowie had bought a smart house in Chelsea. Now he is to be joined by the pop



"It's Desperate Dan — he's turned vegetarian"



pensioner Bill Wyman, whose pied terre in Upper Cheyne Row is said to have cost a mere £2.5 million. Decorators are on standby with waterbeds and ceiling mirrors.

Iveagh league

THE CHATTERING classes of Hampstead are appalled by events at Kenwood House, an English Heritage property which boasts a Vermeer in its art collection. When the house reopened yester-

day, after a ten-day spring-clean, a cry went up that the bust and portrait of the 1st Lord Iveagh. a decent chap who bequeathed the house and its contents to the nation in 1927, had disappeared. English Heritage lackeys tried

fondly by Tory colleagues as the "silver fox", he is now dismissed as desperately to weather the storm. explaining that the items had been moved to another room upstairs. But the room transpires to be little more than a staff annexe, rarely visited by the public. Friends of Kenwood now dread the truly gruesome prospect of the missing bust being replaced by one of Jocelyn Stevens, pugnacious chairman of English Heritage.

Tsk, tsk

FARMERS wondering what to do with their cows may care to spare a thought for Tony Edwards of Hull, who is intent on disposing of a herd of life-sized, pink plastic elephants.

Mr Edwards had hoped to embellish the roof of his children's entertainment centre with the elephants, which he bought second-hand for £5,000. But town planners have refused permission for his adornments, so he is parting with them. as well as with six giant frogs and two 14ft spacemen.

• Despite escaping serious censure at the hands of his Leominster constituents, the platinum-blond Tory Peter Temple-Morris has a new sobriquet, as a result of his fliration with new Labour. Once regarded

the "silver rat". **Princely sum**

TIGGY LEGGE-BOURKE app-

ears to have prevailed upon her boss for a little assistance with an art show at the family home in Powys. On Easter Day and Easter



Getting in a Tiggy

But pride of place at the exhibition, to raise money for the Royal Welsh Show, will be given to a watercolour by the Prince of Wales.

Shepherd and John Ward.

Monday, her mother, Margaret,

will invite the milling hordes into

her home in Crickhowell to see

works of art by the likes of David

"It's not for sale," says Margaret, "but we'll take sealed bids for one of his lithographs." Natal lot

CHIEF Mangosutho Buthelezi has turned to Britain for help. The head of the Inkatha Freedom Party has looked up the high priest of West-minster's political lobbyists, Ian Greer, for assistance with his local election campaign.

Along with Brendan Bruce, Margaret Thatcher's former director of communications, and James Pryor. one-time head of presentation at Central Office, Greer has been electioneering in KwaZulu/Natal.

. Speaking from Durban, he admits that he is unused to South African politics: "At a public meeting in Britain you might expect 15 to turn up, but here we have to cater for an audience of 25,000." Buthelezi is expected to address the final



Buthelezi in mufti

campaign rally on the eve of polling day. A mere 300,000 people are expected to attend, some of whom will walk for up to five days for the privilege of witnessing Greer and Bruce in traditional Zulu costume. Better be good.

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Voluntary code on

Sir, Sir Nicholas Goodison (letter,

March 18) should not be unduly wor-ried about the proposed voluntary

code of practice for the reporting of ob-

jects of archaeological interest. Too

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of bureaucracy, excessive costs and

Mandatory reporting is not justified at this stage because of the good rec-

ord of the hobby in recent years. The

objective must be to encourage an

even greater level of reporting by the

responsible metal-detecting fraternity

An English total of 2,500 single

finds of coins of the late 5th to the 11th

centuries between 1980 and 1988 com-

pared with France, 32 coins on record;

Germany, 144; Sweden 175; and Nor-

I suspect that the figure Sir Nicholas writes of, "400,000 objects of ar-

chaeological interest" discovered each

year in England and Wales, may be

an overestimate, based on a small

sample taken in Norfolk (an area high

on the list for the quality and quantity

of finds) and extrapolated for the

whole country. That the bulk of the

finds would excite any professional in-

Objects of top quality and coins and artefacts of the Celtic and Saxon periods, the scatter of which provides

much information about trade and

spheres of influence, should obviously

be reported. But what is the historical

significance of an isolated Elizabethan

half groat found in the middle of a

ploughed field, possibly 100 yards

from where it slipped from a purse, or

a common Roman brooch, discarded

chaeological knowledge at county

level justify the cost of reporting? I

suggest not, though the village mu-

seum might be thrilled by the news.

Would the minimal increase in ar-

buried treasures

From Mr C. John Barron

low benefits.

such as myself.

terest is in doubt.

when it broke?

Yours sincerely.

Courtlands,

C. JOHN BARRON,

From Mr C, J. Martin

Little Haywards Farmhouse,

Haywards Heath, West Sussex.

Sir. Sir Anthony Grant's Bill (report,

March 9) is designed, after much con-

sultation with trade organisations

and interested bodies, to replace the

archaic and unworkable treasure

trove law, not to broaden its coverage.

give clear guidelines to all persons in-

volved in finding or dealing with

items containing precious metal and

A discussion document issued by

the Department of National Heritage

on portable antiquities offers hope of a

workable voluntary code for the re-

porting of finds. Any legislation to

make non-reporting an offence would

It will prove far more rewarding to

record and investigate the more signi-

ficant finds that may be voluntarily

reported, and where possible acquire

these for public institutions, than to

try to enact draconian legislation to

force a finder to report three musket

others associated with them.

prove unworkable.

Should this Bill become law it will

From the Chief Executive of Tandridge Council

March 22

Sir, I was intrigued to read the comment by Andrew Foster, Controller of the Audit Commission ("League tables show councils are complacent about performance", March 21), that 'It is not enough to be just average. Everyone can and should improve."

As I understand it, the law of averages does not work like that. If one council were to rise above average, another would have to fall below.

Yours sincerely PHILIP THOMAS, Chief Executive, Tandridge Council. Council Offices, Station Road East, Oxted, Surrey. March 21.

Nature's secrets

From Mr Sebastian Robinson Sir, I was delighted to read Nigel Hawkes's article on March 18 about the recent unexpected discovery of naphthalene in outer space. It brought to mind the story of the American sayant (William James, Henry's brother, I think) who kept a notepad and pencil by his bed in case he should be visited by a great idea in the night; he was

awakened by a blinding revelation about the nature of the universe, which he noted down. In the morning he found that he had written "The odor of petroleum permeates everything" - thus inspir-

ing R. P. Lister to write a poem in The New Yorker which began: The universe is godly vast

And most uncommon fine; It whizzes round extremely fast And smells of turpentine. Turpentine, naphthalene, what's

SEBASTIAN ROBINSON, 7 Kirklee Gardens, Glasgow. March 20.

THETTIMES

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Government should regulate farming, not run it

A heavy burden rests on the Health Secretary's shoulders today. The decision by the hamburger chain McDonald's to abandon British beef and the suggestion, however speculative, that BSE may have spread to lamb, or even pasture, have made Stephen Dorrell's task of calming public opinion all the more difficult. Mr Dorrell will be well supplied with scientific evidence when he faces the House of Commons this afternoon to make a statement on BSE, but almost more precious than data and statistical speculation will be wisdom, proportion and a preparedness to see the State in future be less the manager and more the watchman.

Mr Dorrell should place the threat to health in perspective. The real madness would be to succumb to hysteria. If BSE has led directly to Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease in human beings then victims are likely already to be infected. Steps taken since 1989 have lessened the risk of infection spreading through the food chain. There is a demand now for the banging shut of gates long after the bull has bolted. Instead, a judicous sessment of what risk remains should be combined with a cooller look at the future of our food industry. That review should consider the conflict inherent in the Government's role as guardian of the nation's health and under-writer of the farmer's wealth.

It would be wrong to underplay the importance of further appropriate safety measures, but attempts to reduce a risk already mitigated by prudent action should not be interpreted as a validation of the fears provoked by the most inflammatory. A balance must be struck between acting, quickly and transparently, to identify and isolate what proven danger there is and preventing an indiscriminate collapse of confidence in all British beef. The Agriculture Minister, Douglas Hogg, appeared to accept such logic yesterday by acknowledging that the selective slaughter of older cattle may be necessary to minimise danger while stressing how small was the risk from most British beef.

as likely to have psychological problems as

those whose parents have stayed together.

They are likely to leave school earlier with

fewer qualifications, to marry and have

children earlier, to end up in a lower social

class, and, most poignantly, to divorce

themselves. Where children are involved,

society should not allow divorce to be easy

and where break-up cannot be avoided;

reading in the House of Commons. Some

MPs seem to be under the misapprehension

that Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord

Chancellor, is a dangerous radical, and that

his Bill will offer an instant divorce upon

receipt of a stamped addressed envelope.

The characterisation of this pious Presby-

terian as the enemy of family values is a

bizarre misreading of the man. Indeed, the

Lord Chancellor avowed in a recent inter-

view that, if he could be granted one wish, it

would be for all marriages to last happily

Unfortunately, fairy-tales bear all too little

resemblance to real life. What the framers of

any divorce law have to accept is that

making divorce punitively hard does not

ensure that marriages will last forever. On

the contrary, it deters couples from marry-

ing at all. The Lord Chancellor has sensibly

opted for a middle way. His Bill will make

three quarters of couples wait longer for

their divorce than they do now. And, as far

as possible, it aims to reduce conflict -

which is the best way of minimising the

First the Bill removes the notion of fault

which, under current legislation, serves no

harm that divorce tends to do to children.

ever after.

Today the Family Law Bill has its second

should try to mitigate its effects.

McDonald's reaction, whatever its merits, at least displays the flexibility of capitalism at its rawest. The market can be a crude judge of sensitive questions but, ultimately, it does better than the most enlightened or efficient bureaucracy by devolving responsibility down to the consumer. Nevertheless, markets work effectively only when the consumer has a fair knowledge of the risks involved in any transaction. The Government's capacity to be believed when it, wisely, attempts to allay the more febrile reaction to food safety scares is undermined by its own entanglement in the management of agriculture.

Farming is, in effect, the last great nationalised industry. There are good reasons why any government should be wary of exposing it to the chillier blasts of competition. A measure of support may always be necessary to ensure the rural environment is thoughtfully cultivated. But massive intervention in agriculture, from Whitehall and Brussels, has created a culture of insulated prices and subsidy-driven development which has not always been in the best interests of consumer or countryside. Moreover, the perception that the Ministry of Agriculture is over-anxious to protect producers has weakened the whole Government's capacity to speak with authority when seeking to allay concern.

Tobacco is a far greater risk to health than beef, but its sale and consumption among adults, quite rightly, continues because the market supplies and the State warns. The preposterous complexities of Europe's common agricultural policy will make any withdrawal of government from intervening in the food business a slow, and complex, affair. But the market is already working to reward farmers who rear and butcher their meat in impeccable conditions. When public concern teeters on the edge of panic it is hard to take the long view but ministers should recognise that food scares can be better handled in future only by a clearer division of responsibility. The warning word is better heeded when it comes from those who trust to the invisible hand.

months the time taken for a divorce to be

granted. The "unreasonable behaviour" that

husbands and wives cite as ground for

divorce can take in such trivial matters as

cutting toenails in the bath or spending too

long on the telephone. No burden of broof is

required; and allegations from one side are

often matched by the other. This crescendo

of accusation and counter-accusation, fre-

quently encouraged by lawyers, tends only

to turn what could have remained relatively

amicable relationships into thoroughly

Secondly, the Bill encourages couples to

use mediation rather than the courts to settle

disputes over money, property and children.

This too tends to dampen rather than fan the

flames of conflict. Research shows that, in

divorces settled by mediation, the children

are more likely to remain in contact with

both parents. Moreover, under the new

proposals, agreement will have to be

reached on the division of property and the

care of children before a judge will grant a

Nobody pretends that the new Bill will

eliminate family breakdown altogether. No

law could do so, as failed marriages are

caused by individuals and cannot be

prevented by the State. But in the majority of

cases it will make so-called "divorce on

demand" more difficult to achieve. Couples

will have to wait longer, think harder, and

contemplate the cold realities of life post-

divorce before, not after, a decree is granted.

If any marriages are saved by this period of

reflection, the Bill will have been worth-

while. It is a humane and civilised measure,

which deserves to be turned into law.

acrimonious ones.

ters have followed major errors of public health policy — contaminated blood products for haemophiliaes and

From Mr Oliver Thorold

cow" disease.

Sir, Sooner or later compensation to the tune of billions of pounds will

doubtless be paid to farming and com-

mercial interests affected by "mad

When recent human health disas-

human growth hormone come to

mind — no prompt offer of compensa-

tion was made to those most directly

affected, the victims and their fam-

ilies. They therefore resorted to litiga-

A predictable process follows. A

legal action group obtains legal aid, but members of the action group ineli-gible for legal aid have to accept daun-

ting financial anxiety. Protracted sci-entific investigation is carried out.

Complex pleadings are exchanged in which duties of care are denied, scien-

tific contentions resisted, and causa-

With the haemophilia litigation, a

settlement was eventually reached.

driven as much by political embar-

rassment and media pressure as legal

merits. The same may well occur with

the human growth hormone litiga-tion. What should always have been a

political decision is shown to have

been inappropriately assigned to the

legal process, embittering the families

of the victims and enriching the legal

profession for no good purpose.
With BSE and CJD, unless there is

prompt acknowledgement of the jus-

tice of compensating victims and families, litigation will follow. Those who

contract the disease, and their fami-

lies, cannot be expected to see their

claims resisted while the economic

losses of the food industry are com-

pensated. Life is surely more impor-

tant than livelihood.

OLIVER THOROLD.

Doughty Street Chambers, 11 Doughty Street, WCl. March 22.

From the President of the

Garden History Society

now up for sale.

Glory of the garden

Sir. William Rees-Mogg's article, "A

poet rudely great" (March 21), pleads eloquently for Alexander Pope as one

of our greatest poets, following the an-

nouncement (Diary, March 20) that

his famous grotto, embedded in what

remains of his Twickenham villa, is

Pope was a great gardener as well

as poet; his neat, polished couplets

have the force of proverbs: "fools rush

in where angels fear to tread": "A little

learning is a dangerous thing." In the

same way, his landscaping pronoun-

cements became rallying cries for those laying out country estates: "Con-

sult the Genius of the Place in all"; "let

Nature never be forgot".

Pope's idea of designing landscape

in harmony with nature, as a means

of refreshing the human spirit, was

the inspiration, not only of 18th-cen-

tury landscape gardening, but also of

the public parks movement in the next

century and much of today's land-

There could be no better use for the

present St Catherine's Convent than

as a study centre for literature and

landscape in celebration of a world-

scape architecture.

famous poet-gardener.

Yours sincerely, MAVIS BATEY, President,

77 Cowcross Street, EC1.

From Mr Jack Sudic

The Garden History Society,

Woody Allen's jazz

3,000 people who were there.

Sir. Despite your rather strange re-

view of the Woody Allen concert at the

Festival Hall (Arts, March 20), it was

thoroughly enjoyed by more than

tist in the New Orleans style and was playing with some world-class musi-

cians who were only there because his

name ensured the concert would be a

sell-out. This has been an outstanding

contribution to jazz in Britain and let's

hope that Woody Allen and his band

are invited back again for the many

neople who couldn't get in to see them

Yours etc.
JACK SUDIC (Honorary Secretary.

Hampstead Garden Suburb, NW11.

Woody Allen is a very good clarinet-

tion is often improbably disputed.

phe must lie squarely on the public's shoulders for refusing to be interested in what they and their families are eating, and on the British obsession with cheap food. I grew up in France, where no such

Sir, The blame for the BSE catastro-

Identifying and compensating for risks posed by BSE

From Ms Eleanor Rylance

obsession exists, and people will gladly pay more for better food. I am pleased to hear that France has halted all imports of British beef (reports and leading article, March 22; also see letters, same day); maybe this will make the British farming community

Yours faithfully, ELEANOR RYLANCE, Pinemount Lodge, Pinemount Road, Camberley, Surrey.

From Mr John Pettegree

Sir, As a herdsman having complete responsibility for 150 cows, I have had to confront BSE in a responsible manner for some five years. I could not in conscience do otherwise, although the procedure is inconvenient, producing full records of the sick animal's family and requiring me to accommodate the suspected animal for some months before the symptoms are sufficient to obtain confirmation from the MAFF

There are no diagnostic tests available - purely changes in character, behaviour and mobility which have to be identified first by the herdsman. These may not be apparent to a stranger for some time, even if that person is a MAFF vel

An immediate clear line must be drawn to start restoring national and international confidence in the British beef industry. This can be achieved in the first instance by making it an offence to dispose of any cattle born before June 1990 to any party other than MAFF. Most of these will be cull cows, born in the pre-1990 "grey" period. and it will be the Government's

responsibility to ensure that they do not enter the food chain in any form

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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other than fertiliser. This measure should establish some rationalisation of a fraught situation without destroying the national dairy herd, which because of recent quality and welfare pressures will be approaching elite status by January

It will also avoid squandering precious national resources better used on the unfortunate victims of bovineinduced CJD and into researching the neutralising of the agent (or prion) threatening a generation.

Yours faithfully, JOHN PETTEGREE. 2 New Cottages, Parkside Farm, Bishops Sutton, Nr Alresford, Hampshire. March 22.

From Mr 1. J. Kemeny

Sir. The weekend's headline story seemed not to affect the choices made by our diners,

Saturday night's score was: 6 per cent lamb, 8 per cent vegetarian, 9 per cent fish. 30 per cent poultry, 47 per cent beef.

Oh, the unflappable British. Yours faithfully, I. J. KEMENY (Chef proprietor), Kings Restaurant, Mount Road,

Hinckley, Leicestershire.

From Mr Derek Nimmo Sir, We celebrate one hundred years at this address in May this year. What

are we to do? Call ourselves the Lamb Chop Club? Yours faithfully,

DEREK NIMMO, Beefsteak Club, 9 Irving Street, Leicester Square, WC2. March 22.

Fishing limits

From Mr Robin Teverson, MEP for Cornwall and West Plymouth (Liberal and Democratic Reformist (Liberal Democrat))

Sir, Your reports of March 18 and 19 of the visit to Newlyn by Fisheries Commissioner Emma Bonino are accurate: both sides took it as an opportunity for some straight talking. But I can report that the outcome of her visit was more positive than you suggest.

Signora Bonino came to Newlyn at my invitation, and I am glad to say that before she went away she gave me three clear promises. In addition to legal advice on how to stamp out the quota hoppers, which you report, she also promised to explore ways of using southwestern waters as a pilot area for regionalisation of the common fisheries policy.

Liberal Democrats have been press-

Dangerous dogs

ing for this for years - we believe that it could overcome national rivalries within the CFP - and this concession is a reward for our persistence.

Finally, Signora Bonino also said that she would bring forward proposals to the EU member states to extend the 12-mile limit of national control beyond the year 2002, when it is currently due to expire. This is the first assurance anyone has had that this will happen - if it doesn't then the CFP could stretch right up to the highwater mark.

rishermen were predictably and with Signora Bonino on a variety of issues. Whether she lives up to her promises will determine whether that anger shrinks or grows.

Yours faithfully, ROBIN TEVERSON, Newton Farm, Metherell. Callington, Cornwall.

held responsible for their dog's beha-

From Mrs I. B. Dobson

Sir, Your leading article, "Dogs of war" (March 20), written in the aftermath of the attack on six-year-old Michael Swain by a bull-mastiff, refers briefly to the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991. Parliament is currently consider-ing reforms of that Act, all of them framed from the perspective of prodog interest, but there is no prospect that the outcome will provide better

protection for the public. In reforming the Act, our legislators face some genuine difficulties. Firstly, while some breeds are manifestly more dangerous than others, it is of-ten difficult to determine to which breed a particular animal belongs. Secondly, most dog-bite incidents involve dogs that are for most of the

We believe that the Act should re-What is needed is a national dog regis-tration scheme that would define the breed of any dog and identify its own-er. "Borderline" breed questions could he settled in advance of any incidents and owners would take more care,

time well behaved or simply not in the dangerous categories defined by the main in place for the time being, but that it is the wrong starting point in any strategy for protecting the public.

knowing they could more readily be

Curse of Glencoe

Stair.

cross of St Andrew.

ject thus remains open.

Connel by Oban, Argyll.

8 Ferryfield Road,

Yours truly, JOHN CAMPBELL-KEASE,

Further, the word "curse" can be a

corruption of "cross". Brewer's goes so

far as to imply that the nine of dia-

monds may be termed "curse" be-

cause its elements are arranged in the

form of a St Andrew's cross. The sub-

The Government has consistently rejected dog registration as being "costly, ineffectual and bureaucratic". The real reason for its indolence, I believe, is deference to the dog interests. Yours faithfully,

I. B. DOBSON (Honorary Secretary). Canine Crisis Council, PO Box 76, Leicester, LE5 1EJ. March 20.

From Mrs A. Jinks

Sir, I write to express concern at the emotive reference in your leading arti-cle to the "urgent need for more stringent rules on the ownership and control of vicious breeds of dogs".

If the Dangerous Dogs Act were to be reviewed, any "urgency" involved should be strictly balanced by careful consideration and extensive consultation, so as to avoid imposing a further piece of messy and misguided legisla-tion on a largely innocent sector of the public. The current Act has already done much unjustified damage to owners and dogs and we do not want this perpetuated.

Yours faithfully, A. JINKS, The Bungalow, Thurlaston, Leicester. March 21.

TAKING THE PROFIT

RIGHT AND MACKAY

The Lord Chancellor deserves support on divorce

Divorce is bad for children. They are twice purpose other than to shorten to a matter of

Middle Britain is in rude good health at Leamington Spa

The middle classes have always been this country's steadiest element. Today they are also its commercial backbone, and most heartening proof of their utility to Britain now comes from Learnington Spa. As we report in the Business section, a survey has found that the town, hitherto known mainly for its elegant flavour of Victorian waters, has surged to the head of a competitive commercial table. More than any other town in the land, Learnington Spa is home to the highest proportion of profit-making businesses, with an ample gamut of service and

manufacturing companies. Although it has never suffered from anonymity - its waters have always acted as an antidote to that ailment — Learnington Spa has tended to be a self-effacing place. Lacking the aplomb of a Tunbridge Wells or the strut of a Cheltenham - to name two places with which it has been often, and unflatteringly, compared - this quiet Warwickshire spa town has preferred always to accompany Britain's evolution

than to attempt to lead it. Attitudes to Learnington Spa - which reflected, no doubt, earlier attitudes to Middle Britain — have not always been appreciative of its charms. "Oh! Chintzy, chintzy cheeriness/ Half dead and half alive!" wrote John Betjemen in one of his very early poems,

Death in Leamington. John Ruskin once likened the town to "the first practical scene of a pantomime...before the business begins." (A literary footnote of interest to readers: it was here that he wrote The King of the Golden River, for Effie Gray, the woman who so startled him on their wedding night.)

There is more. Nathaniel Hawthorne, unkindly, described it as a place of "somewhat unreal finery", "built with malice aforethought as a place of gentility". He was being a snob, of course, and taking a dig at the new middle classes of the Industrial Revolution. Learnington Spa, in Hawthorne's time, was where mildly-moneyed folk went to cure themselves of over-eating and TB. After Queen Victoria died, Learnington Spa became a synonym simply for quiet respectability.

Yet Learnington Spa today finds itself at the top table: there is dosh, clearly, in delicacy, diligence and quiet invention. Its rise to commercial recognition should be reassuring to Modern Britons, force-fed for too long on tales of "industrial decline". Wealth can be created as effectively in lacecurtained middle-class homes as it was once done is smoke-filled factories and darkened mines. This is the true message from

No Smoking Day From Mr S. P. L. Kennedy

BBC Jazz Society), 48b The Market Place,

this time.

March 20.

Sir, Why should children persuading parents to give up smoking (letters, March 14, 19, 22) be described as

"emotional blackmail"? I used to be a light smoker. One evening, as I indulged in my last cigarette of the day, my son, then II, said: "Dad, give it up; it's not good for you." I thought rapidly and replied; "OK. provided you never smoke." He never has - and I have been a satisfied nonsmoker for 25 years.

Yours faithfully, PATRICK KENNEDY, Denne Park, Horsham, West Sussex.

> Letters for publication may he faxed to 0171-782 5046.

Prison CABs From Viscountess Runciman

From Mr John Campbell-Kease,

Sir, You reported (News in brief, Sir, I doubt Mr Eadie's suggestion March 14) that HM Prison Whitemoor was the first prison to have its own branch of the Citizens Advice (letter, March 16) that the "curse of Scotland" may originate as a reference to the coat of arms of the Earl of Bureau. Over recent years CAB have taken

The charges in the first quarter of their services into a number of pristhe earl's arms are, technically, lozons. The first full-time bureau was set up in Wormwood Scrubs in Decemenges (the word "diamonds" being unber 1994, after six years part-time. known in this context) and are tinctured or not gules — that is gold not red. More significantly, they are Funded by the City Parochial Founborne on an azure (blue) saltire - the

dation, it has a team of three paid staff and is an important experiment in making a vital community service available to prisoners on the same terms and with the same standards as for all other citizens. It gets every support from the prison and since it started work has held over 2,500 interviews with prisoners.

Yours sincerely. RUTH RUNCIMAN (Advice worker). Kensington Citizens Advice Bureau, 140 Ladbroke Grove, W10. March 20.

the Key Leonard Pepper, Team The Rev Philip Need, Chaplain to Vicar, High Wycombe Team Min-The Rev Richard Holroyd. Team the Bishop of Chelmsford: to be istry (Oxford): to retire March 31.

Learnington Spa.

and continuous or near goes continuous of energy which is absolutely things whose nerve centres do not lie deep on continuously for indefinite periods, leaving infinitesimal as compared with what we have enough to be shielded from their influence.

Authority, 73; Major Sir

Shane Blewitt, Royal

Equerry, 61: Mr Humphrey

Burton, writer and broad-

caster, 65: Sir Kenneth

Carlisle, MP, 55; Mr John

Coles, archaeologist, 66; Lord

Crawshaw, 63: Mr Lawrence

Cunliffe, MP, 67: Mr Stephen

Dorrell, Secretary of State for

Health, 44; Professor Mary

Douglas, anthropologist, 75;

Professor Sir Raymond Firth.

anthropologist 95: Mr Nigel

Forman. MP. 53: Professor

Sir Patrick Forrest, surgeon,

73; Mr Robert Fox, theatrical

producer, 44; Miss Aretha

Franklin, singer, 54; Mr John

Gau, television producer, 56:

Sir Peter Gibbings, former

chairman, Anglia Television

Group, 67; General Sir James

Glover, 67; Mr Benjamin

Hanbury, racehorse trainer.

50; Mr David Hicks, interior

designer and author, 67; Mr

Elton John, singer, 49; Mr G. R. John, former chairman,

Dairy Crest, 62: the Most Rev

Alwyn Rice Jones, Arch-

bishop of Wales, 62; Mr Barry

Kyle, theatre director, 49; Sir

Bernard Miller, former

chairman, John Lewis Part-

nership, 92; Mr Leif Mills.

trade unionist, 60: Mr Richard O'Brien, actor and

writer, 54; Lord Quinton. 71;

Miss Dorothy Squires, singer, SI; the Earl of Stradbroke, 59;

Mr William Taylor, Com-

missioner. City of London Police, 49; Lord Walker of

Worcester, 64; Mr Michael

Whitlam, director-general,

British Red Cross Society, 49:

Mr Keith Whitson, chief

executive. Midland Bank, 53.

Air Vice-Marshal B. H. Newton,

chairman, and Mrs Newton re-ceived the guests at the 25th annual

urday at the RAF Club, Piccadilly,

for officers of all three services who

served on Christmas Island with

Task Force "Grapple". Major-General J. C. Woollett was the

Major-General I.O.J. Sprackling,

Honorary Colonel of 31 (City of

London) Signal Regiment (Volun-

teers) was present with Officers of

the Regiment and their guests at

the dining out on Saturday, at

Coulsdon Territorial Army Centre.

of the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel K. J. Bruce-

Smith. Major P.A. Fredericks

Colonel Roger Tomkins presided

at the annual dinner of the 4th/5th

Battalion The Essex Regiment (TA)

Officers Dinner Club held on

Saturday in the Officers' Mess of

the 1st Battalion The Royal

Anglian Regiment at Colchester.

Mr Eric Dawkins was the guest of

honour at a reunion dinner of the

St Nazaire Society held on Sat-

urday at the Royal Duchy Hotel,

The Essex Regiment (TA)

presided.

4th/5th Battalion

St Nazaire Society

Service dinners

31 (City of London)

Signal Regiment (V)

Service luncheon

"Grapple" Reunion

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

March 23: The Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this morning visited Legoland, Windsor, Berkshire, as part of the Fortieth Anniversary celebrations of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in the South East Region, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the Royal County of Berkshire (Mr Philip Wroughton).

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March 24: The Duke of Kent, Honorary President, the Royal Geographical Society, this eveing departed Gatwick Airport for Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Captain Marcus Barnett was in

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Major Sir Shane Blewitt and Sir Kenneth Scott to be Extra Equerries to Her

Today's royal engagements

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will visit the Princess Alice Hospice, Esher, at 3.15, to mark its

10th anniversary. The Prince of Wales will open the Oxford Trust's new centre for innovation and hold his annual innovation awards at the Oxford Centre for Innovation. Mill Street. Oxford, at 10.25; and will visit Linacre College at 1.30.

The Princess Royal, as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will visit Mulberry Design Company at Chilcompton, at 12.30 and at Kilver Court, Shepton Mallet, Somerset, at 1.20. Later, as Visitor of the Dorothy House Foundation Macmillan Service, will visit Winsley, Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire, at

Princess Margaret will attend a dinner at the Café Royal at 7.30 in aid of the Amber Trust.

Today's event

The Queen's Life Guard mounts at Horse Guards at 11.00.

Male wrens which are bat-

tling over their territories go higher and higher into the

trees to sing and threaten

their rivals. They have such a

notes at the end of each

phrase. Siskins are starting to

sing a tinkling, wheezing

song in the alder groves and

birch woods of southern Eng-

land: they will soon be return-

ing to Scotland and nesting in

the tops of the pines. Cock

pheasants are stalking

whole body

evening, gar-dens and woods

are full of sing-

ing blackbirds:

they have a rich.

fluting song

which crumbles

into harsher

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy & Royal Marines Commodore: P D Stone — COMAW SEA 4.10.96

SEA 4.10.96
Captain: A K Dymock — Cornwall
1.10.96; W H Kelly — Staff of
25L/CNH In rank of Cdre 24.09.96; A M Wilmet — Northwood 30.08.96.
Commander: P.J. Couch — MOD Bath
20.09.96; M J Dale — Portugal
12.07.96; P. Lambert — Covenity as
Capt 6.08.96; 06.08; A J Norron —
Staff of 25L/CNH 16.04.96. Sargron Commander (D): J D Victor
— Staff of CINCFLEET 30.04.96.

Colorrel: B L Carter - 16.06.96. Colonel: B L Carter — 10.00.79.6.
Captain: C M Coales — 27.05.96.
Local Lieutenani Colonel: H W D
Leicester — 15.06.96.
Commander: S L Bennett — 15.06.96;
J A Langley — 14.06.96.

Army

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Major-General: N W F Richards — To be GOC HQ 4 Div. 31.3-96.

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Dinner

Nature notes

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The siskin

The Maccabasans Sir John Balcombe, President of the Maccabasans, accompanied by Lady Balcombe, presided at the annual house dinner held last night at the Garrick. Rabbi Hugo Gryn was the guest speaker.

Legal appointments

The following have been appointed to the Judicial Studies Board: Mr. Justice Judge, District Judge Wyn Rees and Mr Wentworth Payne.

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often they stop, press their tail to the ground, flap their short

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dead-looking buds. The first

queen wasps and queen bees

emerge from hibernation on

warm mornings: they buzz

loudly as they pass.

Archaeology Turin Shroud 'dates to Christ'

By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent

One of Magdalen College's two newly completed Gothic-style student accommodation blocks, part of a project

that will include a third student block and a lecture theatre. The scheme, which is being funded by former

members of the Oxford college, uses natural honey-coloured stone to blend in with other college buildings

THE Turin Shroud could, after all, date to the time of Christ, according to Russian scientists using new techniques for dating burnt materials. The relic, long claimed as Jesus's winding-sheet, was dismissed as a medieval fake after radiocarbon dating in 1989.

"Our experimental study leads us to conclude that the calendar age of the Shroud of Turin could be closer to the 1st or 2nd century AD," Dmitri Kouznetsov and his colleagues claim. "We have found that biofractionation and fire-induced carboxylation corrections modify the conventional radiocarbon methods."

Dr Kouznetzov's tearn, from the Sedov Biopolymer Research Laboratories in Moscow, argue that a fire in 1532, when the Shroud was enshrined at Chambéry in the French Alps, induced chemical changes in the cellulose of the linen textile. They tested old Russian and Palestinian textiles of known age, the latter of around the time of Christ, and found that "a significant additional amount of carbon-14 and carbon-13 atoms incorporate into the textile cellulose structure as a portion of carboxy-groups"

The addition of such coeval carbon. they argue, would make subsequent radiocarbon dates appear much more Arizona AMS radiocarbon-dating facility. Science 23: 109-122, 157-160.

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recent than the actual age of the textile in question. Using advice from the Military Fire Defence Academy in Moscow and AMS accelerator radiocarbon dating at the new Russian Academy of Sciences facility in Protvino, Dr Kouznetsov's team conclude that "different fire-simulating model conditions were able to promote carboxylation in textile cellulose molecules, with carbon monoxide and dioxide reacting in the presence of silver and water". At the time of the 1532 fire the

Shroud was kept in a silver reliquary. The control sample of cloth from En Gedi in Israel, previously dated by the University of Arizona AMS system to 100 BC-AD 100, was redated at Protvino after being subjected to conditions simulating the 1532 fire: the new date placed it between AD 1150 and AD 1260. When the Turin Shroud was dated in 1989, several laboratories concurred in placing it at AD 1260-1390.

The Shroud of Turin should be dated using a multidisciplinary approach that takes into account the Chambery fireinduced enrichment of the textile cellulose by carbon-13 and carbon-14," the team

Latest wills

The Right Hon Harold Arthur, 1st

and last Viscount Watkinson of Woking, PC, CH, of Bosham,

West Sussex, Minister of Trans-

port 1955-59 and Minister of Defence 1959-62, left estate valued

The Right Hon Geoffrey Noel, 12th Earl Waldergrave, of Chewton

Mendip, Somerset, agriculturist, landowner and farmer, former

Lord Warden of the Stannaries,

left estate valued at £2,084,263 net. He left £1,000 to St Mary Magdalene Church. Chewion Mendlo, and the remainder of his estate mostly to relatives.

Professor George Stanley

at £265,996 net.

writing in the same journal, say that they have failed to reproduce the Moscow team's experimental results. "This work is clearly flawed in several respects," they "We believe that the carbon-14 methods described have not had appro-

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priate control experiments performed They are especially critical of the fact that "the measurements were done on an apparently untested piece of equipment with no reference to normal procedures of reproducibility, standards, and control", and say that even if the 20 per cent carboxylation rate claimed by Dr Kouznetsov's team is correct, "a change in the radiocarbon age of about 100 years would

The 800-year gap claimed by the Russian team between the 1989 dates and their new technique would not be possible even if total carboxylation took place, the Arizona scientists argue. The dispute will, however, revive interest in the Shroud: even though it has been widely dismissed as unrelated to the life and time of Christ. how the negative image of a man on the cloth was produced remains a mystery and an inspiration.

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Forthcoming **Birthdays** marriages today

Sir Brian Bailey, former chairman, Health Education

Mr M.J. England and Miss K.S. Chaundy The engagement is announced between Marcus John, son of Mr and Mrs P. England, of Wilharston, Leicestershire, and Katie Sara, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.L. Chaundy, of Old Marston, Oxford.

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The engagement is announced between Jose Luis, younger son of Señor and Señora Raphael Gomez, of Castellon, Spain, and Elizabeth Christian younger daughter of Colonel the Hon and Mrs David Arbuthnost, of Truchry, Dunkeld,

Mr C.S. Hartnell and Miss I.L.C. Brown

The engagement is announced, between Simon, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs C. St John Harmell, of Cameley, Bristol, and Isobel, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Brown, of Salcombe, Devon.

Mr R. Townsend and Miss L Baylis The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mrs Elizabeth Townsend and the late Mr Geoffrey Townsend, of Fleetwood, Lancashire, and Lucy. only daughter of Mr and Mrs Norman Baylis, of Liantilio

Anniversaries

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BIRTHS: King Henry II, reigned 1154-89, Le Mans, France, 1133; Joachim Murat, soldier, King of Naples, self-styled Joachim Napoleon, La Bastide-Fortuviere, 1767; Giovanni Amici, astronomer, Modena, Italy, 1786; Arturo Toscanini, conductor, Parma, Italy, 1867; Belá Bartok, composer. Nagyszent Miklos, Hungary, 1881.

DEATHS: Nicholas Hawksmoor, architect, London, 1736; Anna Seward, the "Swan of Lichfield". poet and novelist. Lichfield, Staffordshire. 1809; Caroline Chisholm, the 'emigrants' friend'. London, 1877: Frédéric M. Fral. poet, Nobel laureate 5904, Maillane, France, 1914; Claude Debussy, composer, Paris, 1918: John Drinkwater, poet and dramatist, London, 1937; Faisal bin Abdul Aziz, King of Saudi Arabia 1964-75,

assassinated, Riyadh, 1975. Today is Lady Day, which, until 1752, was the legal beginning the year.

The British Parliament abolished the slave trade, 1807.

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80462322 BALE - Marparet Jessy, died beacefully March 21st. Funeral Service at Holy Trinby Church Greys Hill. Henley-00-Thames, March 28th at 1pm.

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HILL - Richard Leslie, Hill. - Richard Leslie, a devoted son, humbard and father to his daughters tather to his daughters Juliana. Elizabeth, Margaret and Thirza, died pencerully at St John's Home, Onford among his friends on Thursday 21 March. Servant. Bibliographer and Historian of the Sudan, he celablished its archive at Durham. a city and university which he loved. His Requien Mass will be at 11,30am on Friday 29 March at the Chapel of All Sadni's Convent. St Mary's Road, Oxford and his asses will be interred at Ransbury beside his beloved wife Juliana.

IN MEMORIAM -PRIVATE

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HOLME on 21st March peacefully, at Tegfield Home. Winchester. Crystal, sizior of Michael and Humphrey, and aunt of Victoria, Peter. Jouin and Richard. Founder and late Principal of Princes Mead and Queens Mead schools Winchester. The cremation will be private, for family only. No flowers please. A memorial service will be held in Winchester at a later date. LEGAL NOTICES

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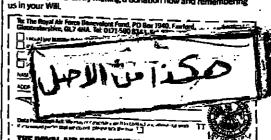
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OBITUARIES

Claude Bourdet wartime Resistance leader and founder of Observateur magazine, later Le Nouvel Observateur, died in Paris on March 20 aged 86. He was born there on October 28, 1909_

A FORMIDABLE figure of the Left in postwar France. Claude Bourder dreams of creating a left-wing party which would be independent of Moscow and Washington. While he never realised his ambition — being thwarted by popular support for the French Communist Party and the recreated Socialist Party of François Mitterrand - Bourdet wielded considerable influence as a journalist.

He pursued his campaigns through

the columns of his newspapers, speaking out vigorously against the colonial policies of successive French governments in Indo-China and Algeria. He edited both the daily Combat, which he had helped to found during the war as an underground newspaper, and the weekly magazine Observateur later France Observateur, which exists ioday as Le Nouvel Observaieur, and which is now the best-selling news magazine in France. The latter was seized several times, both under de Gaulle and his predecessors, at the time of the Algerian War in the 1950s.

Bourdet was an immensely erudite min, and he would impress British journalists when he visited this country with his astringently phrased observations and his impercable, accentless English In France, he was also revered for his distinguished record during the war as a leader of the French Resistance.

Bourdet was the son of a turn-of-thecentury playwright named Edouard Bourdet and the poetess Catherine Pozzi. Throughout his life he had independent means and these enabled him to pursue his own path in politics and journalism.

The divorce of his parents affected him deeply and for a while he turned his back on the Parisian artistic scene in which he had been raised. He studied engineering in Zurich and in 1936 joined the staff of the Minister of National Economy in the left-wing Popular Front coalition Government, as a an engineering and industrial

specialist. His left-wing Roman Catholic leanings drew him to the Popular Front and to active support of the Republican cause during the Spanish Civil War, although he did not actually light in Spain. After the Nazi invasion of France in 1940, he became confirmed in his low opinion of traditional

political parties. Bourdet was conscripted into the

Count Eigil Knuth,

Danish explorer.

archaeologist, sculptor

and author, died in

Copenhagen on March 12

aged 92. He was born

there on August 8, 1903.

FOR explorers this century it

has not been easy to find

regions untrodden by Euro-

pean foot. The Arctic island of

Greenland, its vast ice-bound

wastes dwarfing the Western

European continent, provided

such an exciting opportunity.

It was here that Eigil Knuth

was to travel, making the first

of more than thirty expedi-

tions in 1932, and the last only

a year ago. A veteran explorer.

he unearthed traces of previ-

ously unknown ancient North

American Eskimo or Inuit

cultures, dating back more

Eigil Knuth was a disciple

of the great Danish Arctic

explorer and ethnologist Knud

Rasmussen (1879-1933) and

Norway's Fridijol Nansen

Greenland in 1888. As a young

man, he was inspired to follow

the example of these heroes of

per exploration. But he was also an artistic youth and, after graduating from the

Danish Academy of Arts in

1924, he spent three years in

Italy studying to be a sculptor.

part in the Danish National

Museum's excavations of

1.000-year-old Viking settle-

ment ruins in west Greenland

in 1932 and 1934. In 1935, he

participated as an archaeolo-

gist in the Courtauld expedi-

tion to the east of the island.

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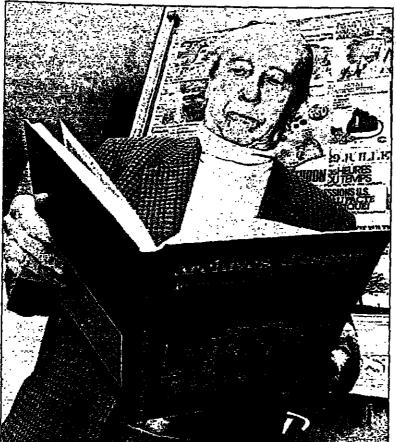
Appointments

He returned home to take

who crossed

than 5,000 years.

CLAUDE BOURDET



French Army, and shortly afterwards taken prisoner of war. He escaped from captivity and took over the management of a soap factory in the Alpes-Maritimes, which provided an excellent cover for his Resistance activities. Operating mainly in the south of the country — then still a free zone — he helped to form the Combat network along with Henri Frenay, handling the management of Combat when Frenay joined General de Gaulle in London. He set up Combat's newspaper in 1942.

As the representative of the Combat network on the Conseil National de la Résistance, he championed the council's independence and opposed takeover attempts by both the Communists and Gaullists. Eventually, he was arrested by the Gestapo in 1944, interrogated and deported first to Oranienburg concentration camp and then Buchenwald, where he was among those rescued by Allied forces, fortunately having to suffer the horrors of that place for a relatively short time. Back in Paris, he was made a Compagnon de la Libération, the highest order for Resistance fighters.

COUNT EIGIL KNUTH

some years. He spent it in

Nazi-occupied Denmark, offi-

cially working as an announc-

er on Danish Radio. Covertly,

he also worked in military

intelligence for the Danish

resistance movement, feeding

the Allies with information on

German activities by sending

coded messages on air. On

May 4. 1945, the eve of

Denmark's liberation, Knuth

was the first Danish voice to

be heard broadcasting uncen-

sored on Danish state radio

after five bleak years under

Vicar, Wolverton Team Ministry:

to be Priest-in-Charge, St Luke, Maidenhead (Oxford).

The Rev John Howe, Canon Cus-tus and Secretary to the Lichfield

Diocesan Advisory Committee for

the Care of Churches: to be Master of St John's Hospital, Lichfield.

The Rev David Jones, Rector,

Lullingfield w Hordley (Lichfield):

to be Ministre/Desservant/Priest-

in-Charge, Sr Luke and St James

The Rev Stephen Jones, formerly

Vicar. Porthleven and Sithney

(Truro): to be Priest-in-Charge,

The Ascension. North End

Baschurch and

Jersey (Winchester).

the Germans.

figures to emerge from the Resistance. it was logical that in 1947 Bourdet should return to Combat as Editor. The newspaper had survived the end of hostilities, and was being edited in

those early postwar years by Albert

Camus, whom Bourdet succeeded. Bourdet took a strong independent line on both home and foreign policies which before long brought him into conflict with Henri Smadja, the businessman who had been called in to solve the newspaper's financial problerns. Bourdet resigned in 1950, taking a number of well-known journalists with him, and began planning a political weekly based on Britain's New Statesman.

This weekly was launched in 1951 and called Observateur, swiftly to be renamed France Observateur when it was discovered another publication existed under that title. In his editorials Bourdet lambasted successive French governments over Indo-China and Algeria. His support for Algerian independence and, in particular, a column headed Your Gestapo in Algeria" - a criticism of French army and police methods - led to his brief As one of the leading left-wing arrest in 1956. Bourdet admired Pierre

Two years later. Knuth was

leader of the Danish expedi-

tion to Peary Land - the

northernmost tip of Green-

land which had, until Knuth

arrived, never seen a ship (all

previous visits to the region

had been made from the south

or west by dog sledge). Knuth unearthed stunning evidence

of a pre-hunter Eskimo pres-

ence in northern Greenland.

This dated back to two periods

known as Independence I and

II - between 1,000 and 3,000

BC - embracing the age of a

nomadic culture known as the

In 1972 Knuth oversaw the

construction of a landing strip

at Cape Moltke in northern-

most Peary Land, by the

Wandell Sea on the approach-

es to the North Pole. An

expeditionary outpost was set

Knuth's career was the discov-

ery in three four-man summer

treks from 1987 to 1989 of the

ruins of 520 crude circular

dwellings along the coast of

the lle de France off northeast

Greenland, which cast new

civilisation

light on primitive Arctic

Ile de France, a frozen 140-

square-mile outcrop with its

own ice-cap at a latitude of 77

degrees north, is so called

1905 by a joint Belgian-French

expedition led by Duke Phi-

lippe of Orleans (1869-1926),

the great-grandson of King

Louis Philippe of France.

Knuth's own theory about the

mysterious site was that it was

a coastal colony established by

invading Eskimos from both

the north and south of Green-

land, or perhaps even the

cause it was discovered in

there. The climax of

Arctic Small Tool tradition.

Mendés-France, probably the most moralistic of French Prime Ministers after the war, but did not refrain from criticising him for not realising early enough the dimension of the Algerian problem. He was also a supporter of Tito after his split with Stalin.

Bourdet's career suffered, perhaps, from devoting equal amounts of time to journalism and politics. Parallel to his work at France Observateur and other publications, he was active within splinter left-wing groups hostile to the main Socialist party, the SFIO, throughout the 1950s and 1960s. He was the founder of a movement called La Nouvelle Gauche, another called Union de la Gauche Socialiste, and later became a militant member of the larger and more influential Parti

Socialiste Unifié (PSU). Algerian independence in 1962 led to tensions within the PSU and also at France Observateur. Bourdet again resigned and spent some years on the sidelines, reappearing to oppose Mitterrand's efforts to form the new Socialist Party in the early 1970s.

Despite his behind-the-scenes guidance. Bourdet's own political career was limited to seats on the Paris city and regional councils. His influence was as a result restricted to the high moral stance he took in his writings. He had inherited the Catholic Left's opposition to traditional political leaders. In Bourdet's view, Mitterrand fell into this category and he criticised what he considered to be the lack of moral content in the future President's

rogramme. It was only in the late 1960s that Bourdet returned to national journalism, when he was given a column in Temoignage Chrétien, the influential Catholic weekly which he had helped to publish during the war when he had given it supplies of paper. The tone of his articles was generally "anti-imperialist". He wrote regularly on Third World issues and was a fervent supporter of a Palestinian state. Yet he was not slow to denounce anti-Semitism in France. Last year, he was still writing articles, notably in favour

of the Bosnians. Critics saw a basic contradiction in Bourdet's lifelong attacks on political manoeuvrings and his equally longheld desire to form a party. Generally, however, he was admired for his highly moral conception of politics. He was also one of the more internationalhy-minded of French journalists.

He was author of several books.

including Le Schisme Yugoslav (1950), L'Aventure Incertaine (1975), which recalled his Resistance days, and his more recent Mes Batailles (1993). A widower since the early 1990s, he is survived by two sons and a daughter.

whale-hunting.

American continent, with an

economy based on seal and

The discovery of the settle-

ments along with a mass of

artefacts provided archaeolo-

gists with new information on

the long-lost 2,800-year-old

Dorset sea-ice hunting cul-ture. Traces of this had first

been unearthed in 1925 at

Cape Dorset on Canada's

Baffin Island, across the Da-

The round houses, built in

ring formation at the Ile de

France site, originally had

igloo-type walls of block ice,

with flagstones forming a

mid-passageway. The tent-like roofs were made of animal

hide and the central section of

the building was surrounded

by adjoining rooms built on

stone platforms and intended

to house the different genera-

tions of a family. Soapstone lamps, fuelled by whale blub-

ber and using near-smokeless

Arctic moss as wicks, lit the

hovels. Stones heated in a

central fireplace were used for

cooking. Vessels were made of

animal skins. All this was

proof of the ingenuity of the

Inuit people in surviving in the most inhospitable of envi-

Knuth wrote ten books on

his Greenland expeditions in-

cluding (in English) Archaeology of the Musk Ox Way

(1967). He received numerous

honours from the Danes and

the Greenlanders, as well as

being awarded the Patron's

Medal of the Royal Geograph-

ical Society, London, and the

Royal Scottish Geographical Society's Mungo Park Medal.

Knuth never married.

ronments.

vis Strait from Greenland.

PROFESSOR PETER CLEMOES

of Anglo-Saxon, Cambridge University 1969-82, died on March 16 aged 76. He was born on January 20, 1920.

WHEN Peter Clemoes began his career shortly after the war, Angio-Saxon studies were in an uncertain state. The long reign of the great Ger-man philologists had been shattered by the war, which had itself cast a shadow over pan-Germanicism; New Criticism had begun to suggest different directions for literary studies without being quite sure that there was a space for Anglo-Saxon literature; and the new discipline of linguis-tics had developed language studies in ways which emphasised the modern forms rather than the ancient roots.

When he went to Cambridge as a lecturer in 1961, Clemoes found there the unique mixture of northwest European cultural studies -Anglo-Saxon, Old Norse and early Celtic languages, literature and history - which H. M. Chadwick had founded (cunningly locating it in the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology to keep it safe from the corrupting influence

of English Studies). While Clemoes always supported the Chadwick inheritance, his own instinctive sympathies were with a more learned image of Anglo-Saxon culture, one which focused on manuscripts, art, and the transmutation of Latin and biblical traditions of thought. but was also deeply involved in the English language. It was entirely appropriate that his festschrift in 1985 should be called Learning and Litera-

ture in Anglo-Saxon England.

Peter Alan Martin Clemoes was born in Southend-on-Sea, and educated locally at Brentwood. Originally he hoped to become an actor and won a scholarship to RADA. But the war prevented him from taking this up, and he joined the Royal Corps of Signals in-stead, serving in Egypt. After the war he resumed his education, studying English at Queen Mary College, London. He graduated in 1950, and followed this with postgraduate work in Anglo-Saxon at King's College. Cambridge. 1956, by which time he was a



research fellow at Reading University. He remained at Reading until 1961, when he joined the department at Cam-

bridge. Over the next thirty years at Cambridge, Clemoes developed a distinct view of the interrelations of style, thought and language, culminating in a massive and highly personal book on Anglo-Saxon poetry in 1995, while simultaneously continuing his early work on the complex textual history of

the writings of Abbot Aelfric. He became Elrington and Bosworth Professor of Anglo-Saxon at Cambridge in 1969 and slowly built around him a department which came to reflect his own image of the discipline, adding Anglo-Latin writings and palaeography and fostering the links with English Studies which his predecessor Dorothy White-

lock had initiated. But his attention was especially given to the gradual process of broadening and internationalising the subject, on a different basis from the Germanic philology of the prewar period. In 1963 he began a long stint as general editor of a series of ambitious facsimiles of Anglo-Saxon manuscripts (a Danish project founded as a tribute to Sir Winston Churchill). For these, he commissioned extensive introductions which pushed forward the specialist under-

rapidly became the major journal of the subject, Anglo-Saxon England. He insisted from the outset that this should cover the full range of culture and history, from poetry to carpentry, in a style of English that all could follow. He presided over the second conference of the International Society of Anglo-Saxonists in 1985, and worked tirelessly at fostering the subject in other countries. He formed especially close links with scholars in Paris, Munich, North America and Japan (the latter being one of the great centres of Anglo-Saxon scholarship).

Finding himself in a profession with more than its fair share of scholarly berserkers, Clemoes retained through all provocations the sweet-tempered and generous character that students came to admire. His dedication to rewriting the contributions of others until they matched his own standards of lucidity was as hard to resist as his pressing invitations to a post-lunch round of bowls in the garden of the college which he loved, Emmanuel.

It was not until some years after his retirement that he was able to devote himself wholly to his own scholarship. On the day he died of a heart attack, he was putting the finishing touches to the edition of Aelfric which he had begun forty years ago.

In 1972 he launched what by his wife Jean and two sons.

CHRISTOPHER HEADINGTON

Christopher Headington, composer, planist and author, died in a skiing accident at Les Houches Switzerland, on March 19 aged 65. He was born on April 28, 1930.

IN HIS biography of the tenor Peter Pears (published in 1992), Christopher Headington steered a precarious course between describing the often turbulent atmosphere of the Aldeburgh Festival over which Pears and Benjamin Britten presided, and painting a portrait of a man who was both a great singer and a personal friend. But Aldeburgh's sterner critics found the biography disappointing. Headington adroitly ducked controversy, though he did make reference (without comment) to such controversial articles as that in The Observer in June 1970, accusing Britten and Pears of holding court at the Suffolk festival.

But it was as a composer rather than a writer that Headington excelled. His music sits comfortably alongside that of William Walton, Lennox Berkeley (with whom he studied) and Benjamin Britten himself.

Among his many works are a lyrical violin concerto (premiered by Ralph Holmes in 1959 and recorded four years ago on the ASV label with Xue Wei as soloist), three string quartets, three piano sonatas and a piano concerto, as well as a ballet which was performed in both Paris and



Edinburgh. However, a good deal of it remains neglected despite occasional perfor-

mances on Radio 3. .Christopher John Magenis Headington was educated at Taunton School and the Royal Academy of Music. He attended master-classes at Dartington in 1963 and taught in schools before joining the BBC presentation department.

In 1965 he was appointed tutor in music at the Oxford University delegacy for extramural studies (since 1971, department for external studies). He made many broadcasts and wrote a monograph entitled Britten which he had just revised at the time of his death.

However, while Headington could be industrious, he could also be endearingly indolent. He once turned down the opportunity to join the music department of the

University of Surrey because of the vast amount of administration he feared might be involved. It took the combined efforts of several friends to goad him into completing his research for the several books he published, including The History of Western Music

As a pianist, Christopher Headington was talented. He shied away from making too many concert appearances but he released a number of CDs both of 20th-century British piano music and also music of a more romantic nature on the Kingdom label.

An extremely private person, Headington moved to Malaga in southern Spain in the late 1970s in order to pursue his composition in peace. This proved disastrous, not only financially but emotionally. Feeling intensely iso-lated, he returned to Britain to settle instead in Newton Abbot, Devon.

However, as an examiner for the Associated Board he continued to travel extensive ly. He was a moderately talented linguist and recently was even heard trying out his newly acquired Cantonese on a waiter in a London restaurant. He was also proficient with computers and last year used the new "Sibelius 7" program to map out an entire symphony in a day. He never married.

Church news

The Rev David Ashforth, Vicar. St Leunard, Balderstone, and Direc-The Rev John Francis, Curate, St for of Post-Ordination Training. John and St George, Presion: to be diocese Blackburn: to be also Warden of Readers, same diocese. He will cease to be Director of iBlackburn). Post-Ordination Training from

The Rev Simon Brignall, recently returned from South America (SAMS): to be Team Vicar, Thome Team Ministry w responsibility for Tetsworth, Adwell w South Wesion, Lewknor and Stoke Talmage Whearfield (Oxford).

The Rev Alan Cole, Priest in-Charge. Gamlingay w Harley St George and East Hatley and Gamlingay Heath (Ely): to be also an Honorary Canon of Ely

The eev Arthur Dean, Assistant Curale (NSM). St Margaret. Eastney: to be stipendiary Priestm-Charge (half-time). St Alban. Copnor (Portsmouth). The Rev Reg Forse, Assistant Curate (NSM), Christ Church,

Rector, Ribbleton, and Bishop's Adviser for leisure and tourism The Rev Timothy Gaden: to be Assistant Curate, St Mary, Battersea (Southwark).

Greenland's vast inland gla-

cier from west to east with the

Expédition Française Trans-

It was during the winter of 1936-37 that Knuth, basing

himself in Angmagssalik, on

the coast of east Greenland,

took up sculpture again. He

worked on a series of portrait

busts of Eskimos which were

poetic and sensual in style

(and which have recently been

donated to the Greenland

The war prevented Knuth

from visiting Greenland for

Home Rule Government).

groenland.

The Rev Nigel Genders, Assistant Curate, Christ Church, New Malden (Southwark): 10 be Assistant Curate, Christ Church, Cocklosters (London).

The Rev Anthony Hawley. Team Rector. Kirkby. Area Dean of Walton and Team Vicar. St Chad, Kirkby (Liverpool): to be also an Honorary Canon of Liverpool athedral.

The Rev John Hindley, Priest-in-Charge, Tibrook w Covington and Catworth, Bythorn w Keyston, Priest-in-Charge Great Gidding w Little Gidding and Steeple Gidding w Winwick, and Rural Dean of Leightonstone (Ely): to he also an Honorary Canon of Ely Cathedral. The Rev Richard Holroyd, Team

The Rev Dr David Miell, Team Vicar, Wahon Team Ministry (LEP): to be Team Rector, Uptoncum-Chalvey Team Ministry (LEP), Slough (Oxford), and has resigned as Rural Dean of Milton

The Rev Philip Need, Chaplain to the Bishop of Chelmsford: to be

Dean of Bocking (Chelmsford). The Rev Frank Parr, Vicar, Immanuel and All Saints. Oswaldtwistle: to be Vicar, Tunstall. Melling and Leck The Rev Rosalind Parrett, Team Vicar, Stantonbury and Willen Team Ministry (LEP), to be Priest-

in-Charge, St George, Owlsmoor Resignations and retirements The Rev Brian Anderson, Chap-lain, HM Prison, Parkhurst, Isle

of Wight (Portsmouth): retired February 29. The Rev Cyril Birket. Vicar. St Helen, Overton, Morecambe (Blackburn): to retire April 9. The Rev William Dodd, Honorary

Assistant Curate. St Peter (Furze

Plau), Maidenhead (Oxford): resigned February 18. The Rev Jacob Lewis, Rector, Compton w East Ilsley (Oxford): to resign March 30.

The Rev Leonard Pepper, Team Vicar, High Wycombe Team Ministry (Oxford); to retire March 31.

THE MYSTERY OF RADIUM.

M. Curie, a French physicist of the highest reputation and attainments, has made a communication to the Academy of Sciences which would have been received with absolute incredulity had it been offered on less unimpeachable authority. He finds that a substance of comparatively recent discovery, to which the name of Radium has been given, and in the isolation of which he has had the able and invaluable assistance of Mme. Curic, possesses the extraordinary property of continuously emitting heat, with mbustion, without chemical change of any kind, and without any change to its molecular structure, which remains spectroscopically identical after many months of continuous emission of heat. He finds, further. that Radium maintains its own temperature at a point 1.5deg. Centigrade, or 2.7deg. on our ordinary scale, above its surroundings. The actual quantity of heat evolved is such that the pure Radium salt would melt more than its own weight of ice every hour. Or, again, half a pound of the Radium salt would evolve in one hour heat equal to that produced by the burning of one-third of a cubic foot of hydrogen gas; and this evolution of heat goes on continuously for indefinite periods, leaving

ON THIS DAY

March 25, 1903 **类型性**

Pierre and Marie Curie discovered in 1898 that pitchblende, when its uranium salts were removed, contained radium. For this work they shared with A. H. Becquerel the 1903 Nobel Prize for Physics.

the salt at the end of months of activity just as potent as at the beginning. Radium has excited the keenest interest by its power of throwing off rays, vibrations, emanations, or whatever we may call them, which, when received upon a sensitive screen of barium platinocyanide or zinc sulphide, cause it to glow with a phosphorescent light ...

It is obvious that M. Curie has introduced us to forces of a totally different order of magnitude. Phosphorescence occurs in nature, as in the glow-worm and in certain bacteria, in conditions of energy which is absolutely infinitesimal as compared with what we have

to expend to produce light. Hence the phosphorescence of a sensitive screen under the influence of Radium emanations does not necessarily take us beyond a region in which light is an accident of processes infinitely minute. But heat sufficient to raise the mercury in the thermometer by 2.7deg. is a different thing altogether, and when the output of this heat is maintained indefinitely without any visible compensation to the heat-giving body, we are in the presence of a physical effect which is considerable. We have in Radium a substance having the power to gather up and convert into heat some form of ambient energy. Other substances, mostly of high atomic weight, possess its radiant properties to a lesser extent, and research may prove that transparency to the unknown form of energy is merely a question of degree . . .

A small tube containing Radium, if kept in contact with the skin for some hours, or even if carried in the waistcoat pocket, produces an open sore, by destroying the epidermis and the true skin beneath. Its effects do not appear to extend to the subjacent tissues, and the sore remains superficial. On the other hand, Radium emanations act powerfully upon the nerve substance, and cause the death of living things whose nerve centres do not lie deep enough to be shielded from their influence.

Orchestra and Its Instruments (1965) and the Bodley Head (1974). He was also a regular contributor to Gramophone and Country Life magazines.

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NEWS -

Four million cattle face slaughter

The Government is near deciding to slaughter more than four million cattle in a drastic move to restore confidence in British beef.

Killing animals aged more than two-and-a-half years emerged as ministers' most-favoured option in the crisis caused by the disclosure of possible links between "mad cow" disease and its human form, Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease Page 1, 8, 9

Benefit cheats to be offered amnesty

Benefit cheats are to be offered an amnesty to reduce the £3 billion-a-year bill for fraud. The Department of Social Security will experiment with an idea that captured Peter Lilley's imagination after proving a success in New Zealand. Fraudsters will be invited to surrender to the DSS in return for an exemption from prosecution ...

Sinn Fein warning

Martin McGuinness. speaking after Sinn Fein's conference, indicated there was no prospect of an imminent IRA ceasefire unless Britain gave the party "absolute guarantees" that it would convene unconditional all-party

Currency talks

John Major will meet Kenneth Clarke this week in an attempt to secure the Chancellor's backing for an early pledge that the Goverriment would hold a referendum before joining a European single currency....Page 2

A-level reform

Skills in teamwork and communications are to become requirements for university entry under plans to reform A-levels. The Government's qualifications review will recommend numeracy. computer literacy and problem solving should be taken by all sixthformersPage 2

Tribal post

Lynne Symonds will leave her Norfolk school to visit Ghana where she will become third in command of the Mamprusi .Page 3

MI5 leak on Internet

A terrorists' "crib sheet" giving detailed information about MI5 installations and military bases in Northern Ireland, together with RUC stations, has been put on the InternetPage 5

Breast cancer fail

Breast cancer, the greatest scourge of Western world women, is in retreat after three decades in which the toll from the disease mounted to record

Boost for coalition

The centre-right coalition of Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, received a surprise boost after winning the Baden-Württemberg election, preliminary exit polls showed......

Dole goes to jail

Incredibly for a candidate seeking to shed a dour image, Bob Dole chose to visit California's Death RowPage 10

Chinese reaction China was relatively restrained in

its reaction to President Lee Tenghui's 54 per cent win in Saturday's presidential elections in Taiwan, merely reiterating the island was part of China ... Page II Unwanted conference

After months of diplomatic foreplay, the leaders of the 15 European Union nations gather in Turin on Friday for the grand

opening of a treaty negotiation none really wants Page 12 Murder trial opens

A man alleged to be Australia's worst serial killer goes on trial today accused of murdering seven backpackers, including two voung Britons.....

Woman to revive flagging Derby

■ One of the great events of the social and sporting calendar's recruited to revive the fortunes of the Derby, the world's most famous Flat race which dates back to 1780. She will be confirmed this week as managing director of United Racecourses, owner of Epsom, Sandown and Kempton Page 1



The Russian space station Mir as seen from a cargo bay camera on the space shuttle Atlantis after the two craft docked yesterday

BUSINESS

Training cash: Small businesses will be offered grants to train employees by a future Labour Page 48

Jet stream: 52 billion of orders could be won by British Aerospace after the collapse of Fokker, the Dutch planemaker..... Page 48

Pay claims: Lower inflation has yet to make an impact on pay settlements a study suggests. Incomes Data Services says pay deals are 3 to 4 per cent up on last year's wagePage 45

Three Rs: Britain's bosses are concerned about basic literacy and numeracy skills of job applicants. The Institute of Directors says 79 per cent of company directors are worried by candidates' educational attainments......Page 45

Golden touch: Twice, the producer Duncan Kenworthy has proved Hollywood wrong. First with Four Weddings and a Funeral, the most successful film in British cinema history, and now Gulliver's Travels, one of the most watched TV shows in US history Page 16

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countries dominated the world cross country championships in Cape Town, but Jon Brown produced the best run by a British man in seven years, finishing twelfth

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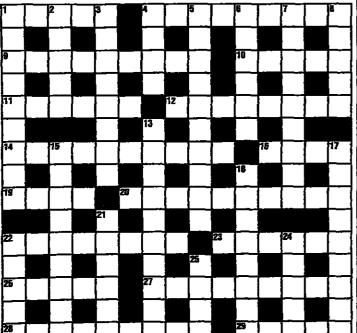
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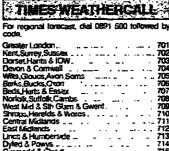
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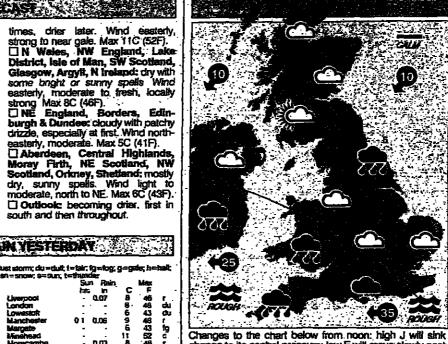
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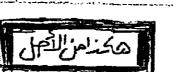
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TIMES SPORT



Milosevic shoots past Pemberton to put Aston Villa on their way to a comfortable 3-0 victory over Leeds United in the Coca-Cola Cup final at Wembley yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Winners set record as Coca-Cola Cup final falls flat for Leeds

Villa profit from import policy

Leeds United0

By ROB HUGHES

FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT THREE splendidly struck goals, the first imported from

Serbia, the second from the only Brummie on the field and the third courtesy of Tobago, comprehensively gave the Coca-Cola Cup to Aston Villa for a record fifth time.

The Midlands club has almost claimed ownership of this trophy, scoring more goals, winning more matches than any other. And the Villa contingent in the 77,056 crowd on an overcast day at Wernbley Stadium was never given cause to believe that Leeds United were their equals. Virginia Bottomley, Secretary of State for National Heritage, was always going to shake hands with Andy Townsend

Very early on, Townsend and Mark Draper won the contest for midfield supremacy with Gary McAllister. Given that Tony Yeboah, the other world-class Leeds player, was not offered an opportunity. never took a pass in a goalscoring position, the overrunning of the white shirts Was total

the ball down and play will Wembley carpet. He, in fact, was almost the first to do that, embarking on a 70-yard sprint with Townsend snapping at his heels, then gliding away from McGrath, and bringing Andy Gray into play. The youngest man on the field, just 18 but with a long Leeds their midfield than when United family pedigree, over- Johnson is with them. Never-United family pedigree, overhit his intended cross.

But do not take it out on the boy. With some hypnotic footwork, he was, for spells in both halves, the finest and most confident talent Leeds had on the pitch. We marvelled at the way he ghosted his foot over the ball, stole a yard of space from Southgate, ran on ten yards and then tried a swirling shot; he aimed for the top left-hand corner, and was betrayed by the wind.

Aston Villa, without Tommy Johnson who failed to report

fully fit, had a flatter look to

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

Manchester United manager,

paid tribute to Eric Cantona.

who scored an outstanding

goal in his side's i-0 win over

Tottenham Hotspur at Old

Trafford yesterday. The result

took United three points clear

of Newcastle United - who

have two games in hand - at

the top of the FA Carling

Cantona struck decisively

with an individual effort after

50 minutes - the fifth

successive match in which the

Frenchman has scored and

his fifteenth goal of the season

for their third Premiership

title in four years and their

second double in three

Ferguson said: "Eric is a

marvellous player. He was up

for it today and over the past

few weeks by performances

as United make a charge

Premiership.

seasons.

ALEX FERGUSON,

theless their formation was a familiar one, while Leeds's was a confusion. The professor of tactics, Howard Wilkin-

son, was to try three separate methods, all of them shrugged aside by Villa. It did not help that Wilkinson chose Gary Speed on the left. Speed had fractured a cheekbone a month ago, the doctors had advised a threemonth lay-off and bravery was also foolhardiness as he tried but failed to impose his full range of skills on the

game. It was a poor clearance

Cantona puts United clear

the first opening in the fourteenth minute.

Yorke slipped the ball through Pemberton's legs before shooting with some power, but the angle was acute. Lukic stood up solidly and expertly at the near post, and blocked the shot with his

The denial was not prolonged. In the twentieth minute, Savo Milosevic used his left foot in the manner the folks back home in Belgrade were accustomed to - but we have barely seen since his £3.5 million move to the English

Tottenham after they had dominated the first-half ex-

changes. "Eric is a unique

talent and he seems always to

be there, or thereabouts, in

Bruce added: "We knew it

was going to be difficult, but

credit to Spurs because they

played very well and came at

us and attacked us. It's going

However, Gerry Francis,

the Tottenham manager, left

Old Trafford complaining

that his team had become the

latest victims of refereeing

injustice at the ground. Fran-

big games.'

to be tense.

from him that offered Yorke Midlands. Townsend had intercepted the ball from Speed and, from the halfway line, directed it to the feet of the big

> front of him and, when Pemberton backed off, he produced a shot from 22 yards that curled as if guided by

target-man from Serbia.

pace, the bustle of football makes it as foreign a game as the language.

We were to reach half-time with more bookings than shots on target. Wetherall, for body-checking Yorke, Ford for kicking Townsend's shin, and McGrath for scything down Yeboah Late in the game, Southgate was booked for another foul on Brolin.

Leeds had tried, principally through the invention of Gray and occasionally through the ability of Kelly, to cross the ball from the right, but though McAllister once rose majestically to meet a corner by Speed, Bosnich comfortably cleared the danger. Leeds had in fact been confined to a single shot until, reorganised at half-time, they at last produced a flowing movement from McAllister to Palmer,

then on via Speed to Gray. He dragged the ball inside Charles, though his shot was impulsive and easily blocked. And then, ruining the only

United stride on, page 29 | good spell that Leeds mount-

again. It was the 56th minute as Wright burst down the left. His cross induced panic in Radebe, who attempted to do what Yeboah normally does, to hurl his body acrobatically

in the air and clear overhead. The ball flew straight to Ian Taylor, a player whose child-hood had been spent support-ing Villa from the Holte End. Taylor met the ball full on the volley and, from 15 yards, struck it with rare power and accuracy. Lukic, for the second time, was beaten before he

could move a muscle. There were forlorn gestures

Keegan's muddle Humbling for City esults and tables

from Leeds - the introduction of Brolin, the attempt by Palmer to head for goal before Aston Villa rounded off proceedings emphatically. It was McAllister, of all people, who made a hash of a pass ir midfield and gave the ball directly to Draper, who quickly transferred it to the feet of Milosevic.

The Serb jinked, drew Pemberton and Wetherall to him, and then side-footed the ball to Yorke who, 12 yards out, lashed it high into the net A merciless finish from the Tobagan, a merciless day

Brogu, P McGrath, G Southgate — Charles, I Taylor, M Draper, A Townson Wright — D Yorke, S Milosovic



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"The side who are first to get win," McAllister had forecast as he stood admiring the green



Cantona: outstanding

for us have been getting better and better. It's immeasurable - how can you quantify that goal? It could mean us win-

reference to Cantona, whose

strike took the And out of

ning the title." Steve Bruce, the United captain, also made a glowing

cis felt that his side should have been awarded a corner seconds before Cantona broke

away to score. 'li was a corner — everyone knew it was a corner. Andy Sinton had gone to take the

corner - all of a sudden they are on the attack," he said.

Milosevic had Pemberton in

radar high into the net. It was wonderful strike, followed by an adrenalin rush that took the 22-year-old to the halfway line, his colleagues in pursuit. As Gareth Southgate, himself a newcomer to the club this season, had said, Milosevic has taken cruel criticism for a young man coming into a land where the

against the White Rose.

LEEDS UNITED (3-4-1-1) J Luide — D Wedherall, J Pernberton, L Radebe (sub T Broin 66mm) — G Kelly, G McAllister, M Ford (sub; B Dane, 46), G Speed — A Referee: P. Lan

SPORT IN BRIEF

Harris wears down

DEL HARRIS, the England No I, crowned his return to the

top of professional squash in the most forceful manner

yesterday by winning the Equitable Life Super Series final

10-8, 7-9, 9-4, 6-9, 9-2 against Brett Martin, of Australia, at the

Galleria in Hatfield. Hertfordshire (Colin McQuillan

Only an ankle turned in a heavy, front-court collision at 3-

2 in the fourth game reduced the confrontation from the

highest levels of athletic endeavour. That game went to the

Australian as he opted for decisive adventure instead of

movement. But the fifth went to Harris as he revealed an

uncharacteristic degree of ruthlessness to exploit the further

reaches of the court against an opponent who eventually

final," Harris said. "I had to get mean in the fifth. You saw what he did to me when I let him have room to make shots in

This is the best consolation for losing the world open

opponent in final

Red-eyed by down-to-earth sports marathon

watch non-stop sport is clearly unable to read a tele-vision guide — and probably needs an optician. I may need one, as well, after spending most of Saturday in a marathon of terrestrial television sports-viewing that took in 27 disciplines, not including Big Break.

There was speed skating. sled-dog racing, Sumo, ski jumping, snooker — and all before 9am, in Channel 4's breathless Transworld Sport, along with ice hockey, IndyCar racing, windsurfing. yachting and more.

Channel 4 racing's programme, The Morning Line, was comparatively relaxed, and is one of those programmes that is watchable whether one finds its subject

WAYNE RILEY, known to

other PGA European Tour golfers as "Radar", has had

little trouble finding his bear-

ings at the Aroeira course just outside Lisbon for most of this

week, but yesterday his pow-

ers of navigation were almost

found wanting before he took

the Portuguese Open with a total of 271, 13 under par.

much given to bestowing nick-names on their fellow players:

it is a habit that smacks

slightly of the fourth form

remove of Billy Bunter, but it

Thus it was that Riley was

is, on the whole, a harmless

character in the cult American

situation comedy of the Viet-nam War. M.A.S.H. He is

said to bear a more than

passing resemblance to the

man, but the fact that he

shares his surname is reason

He used to be a wild man,

but is now a mild man, and

has been transformed from a

enough for his peers.

European Tour players are

interesting or not, although John McCririck's novelty value wore off long ago. It was like eavesdropping on a private discussion as experts argued over prospects: Tony Stafford, the top tipster, explained the alternatives to sticking a pin in the Sporting Life. But just when you itched to take Ladbrokes to the cleaners, there was universal disagreement over the William Hill Lincoln Handican: pins, apparently, had their

After The Greatest, which attempts to compare the in-comparable, there was NBA 24/7, aimed at those followers of basketball who own the shoes and now want to know something about the sport: but they will not have learned too

I approached the fourth

TV ACTION REPLAY

NICK SZCZEPANIK

hour with curiosity. After Serie A's previous strikebound weekend, would Gazetta Football Italia have anything to report? Alfresco as usual, James Richardson, in a waterside café, introduced midweek European action. A tough job, but someone has to do it. Paul Ince, meanwhile. revealed a political awareness expected of footballers: the England player had no idea whatever of the issues behind the strike in which he had

been involved. Over on BBCI, Grandstand

fielded some fine commentators — tribute was paid to Alan Weeks, retiring from the microphone after many years of describing triple axels to a perplexed public. We also heard the professional's own favourite, racing's Peter O'Sullevan, who manages to convey the mounting excitement of a close finish while

still speaking English.
On the other hand, one interviewer's constant reference to the extreme age of Sarah Hardcastle, 26. swimming's surprise Olympic

hopeful and apparent sporting geriatric, was vaguely disquieting Indeed, swimming and racing have much in common as television sport. In both cases, there is a lengthy preamble as the camera ranges over the competitors; a brief race, often coming down to a matter of a short head between winner and second,

with the rest nowhere. Then there was ice dancing. If this is sport, then so is ballroom dancing. No serious sportsman would consider turning out in something like that, Premiership goalkeepers

I began to wonder, however, who I was sharing the experience with. The afternoon. Bradford-Leeds rugby league match presumably drew a large audience, but how many had tuned in at 8.15am to catch

ten seconds of aerial skiing? And who turns on to watch Olympic swimming trials or cross country running?

Relatives of those taking part, I imagine: almost any activity can be involving if you have an interest in the competitors. But there was nothing riding on the events for me. The draw for the snooker world championship was the last straw. After nine hours nonstop, I could not face figure

skating on BBC2. A long, mental-health break later, I was in front of the box for Match of the Day. As an epilogue, it only served to remind me that at least half a dozen colleagues had been out in the fresh air enjoying topclass professional sport - plus Bolton v Sheffield Wednesday. But I bet they were sorry they missed the ice dancing.

Doyle buries hatchet

could only leap awkwardly into the corners.

CYCLING: Tony Doyle, the former world pursuit champion, who was elected president of the British Cycling Federation (BCF) last December, and the executive board agreed to bury their differences of the past 312 months at a special meeting of the BCF national council in Birmingham (Peter Bryan writes).

Manchester's delegates wanted the national council's

support for a resolution to discontinue all legal proceedings brought by the BCF against Doyle. The motion was amended to include wording that Doyle should act similarly over all legal proceedings against the BCF and members of the board and was carried overwhelmingly with only three votes cast against. Doyle confirmed that he was prepared to remain president and work alongside the board.

Henman makes exit

TENNIS: Sergi Bruguera, right, the No i0 seed from Spain, beat Tim Henman, of Great Britain, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 in the second round of the Lipton Championships in Key Biscayne, Florida on Saturday. Greg Rusedski, the British No I, lost in straight sets to Jonas Bjorkman, of Sweden, 6-4. 7-6. Thomas Muster, the world No I, lost 7-6, 6-4 to the unseeded Nicolas Pereira, of Venezuela.



Hopley leads England

RUGBY UNION: The England squad for this weekend's Hong Kong Sevens includes six of the 1993 party that won the inaugural World Sevens at Murrayfield. Only Bath, who play Bristol on Saturday, and Northampton, who face Blackheath, contribute more than one player. Damian

ENGLAND SEVENS SOUAD: A Adebayo (Bath), J Sleightholme (Bath), T Simpson (Wast Hardecool), N Bed (Northampton), A Healey (Omel), D Scully (Watefletc), D Hopley (Wasps, captein), T Rodber (Northampton), C Sheeaby (Hadequins), N Back

Hawks flying high

ICE HOCKEY: The British championship play-off games on Saturday threw up a surprise in Group A and settled Group B, in which Humberside Hawks beat Durham Wasps 6-4 to join the Wasps in the semi-finals at Wembley next weekend. In Group A, Nottingham Panthers beat Sheffield Steelers 3-0, Scott O'Connor saving 46 shots for his shut-out. This took the Panthers to the top of the group and left the Steelers needing one point from their final game, at home to Basingstoke Bison, to join them in the semi-finals.

Fahey crushes Davies

REAL TENNIS: Robert Fahey, of Tasmania, retained his world title in Melbourne, defeating the former champion. Wayne Davies, by seven sets to one overall, a scoreline which belies the quality of the match. Fahey, who started the second day needing only three more sets for victory, looked slightly tentative at the start as Davies, the New York professional, forced and volleyed immaculately, taking full advantage of some loose play from his opponent to take the set 6-5. From then on, however, Fahey raised his game.

McRaes land double

MOTOR RALLYING: The McRae family scored a notable double in the Vauxhall Rally of Wales on Saturday. Alister McRae, right, the younger brother of the world champion, Colin, won the main rally in a fourwheel drive Ford Escort Cosworth, while their father. Jimmy, five times the British champion, captured the corresponding historic event in a Lotus



Wales eye grand slam

RUGBY UNION: Wales beat England 9-3 in the under-19 international at St Helen's, Swansea, yesterday, with three penalty goals from Jarvis, their stand-off half, who is the understudy to Neil Jenkins at Pontypridd, to one by Simpson for England. It was the Wales team's ninth consecutive win in two seasons and, having already accounted for Italy and France this year, they are now on their way to recording their second consecutive grand slam. The encounter with Scotland next month is the final game.

Riley regains his sense of direction

FROM MEL WEBB IN LISBON

ment, to be a prolific winner all over the world is beginning

to look attainable. The Surrey-based Australian, 33, who had a closing round of 70, took the title by two shots from Mark Davis and Martin Gates, each of whom had closed to one behind at one point, in a final round that got off to a delayed start. Nearly three hours were lost after a brief but violent thunderstorm that left fair-

ways on the already damp

given his sobriquet after a course saturated. Andy McFee, the tournament director, said that he needed five hours to get the tournament finished. If play was not possible by 2pm, he added, he would not be able to get all the players around the course, and a repeat of the recent experience in Johannesburg, when play continued on the Monday, was on the cards. In the nick of time, the sun returned and McFee and the

character who believed in keeping the cup of life filled to over-brimming into a hardplayers beat the clock - just. working and dedicated profes-Riley betrayed little in his facial expression, but flirted sional. This was his second European victory in as many more than once with defeat. He was four strokes ahead seasons, and an ambition, stated earlier in the tournaafter ten holes and seemed to

have closed the door on his nearest rivals.

If he had, he had not latched it properly, and Davis, playing in the group ahead of him, through the back nine. He picked up one shot to par to the turn, then eagled the 10th, birdied the 12th and birdied Riley, meanwhile, was also

one under par for the day going through the 9th, and when he birdied the 10th he seemed to have the tournament in his pocket on 15 under par. Being the sober-sided chap he claims to be these days, he was probably not counting chickens. If he was, he was making a terrible

He dropped a shot on the 12th and when he let another slip away on the 16th he was only a single shot ahead of Davis. Davis needed a birdie on the last hole to put himself into a play-off but bogeyed the hole instead; the Australian's two-stroke advantage had

A drive that split the fairway on the last, and a second shot safely onto the green, were followed by two putts and victory. The radar had clicked back on at precisely the right



Riley considers the line of a putt on the way to victory in the Portuguese Open yesterday

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Davies stakes out territorial claim

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN PHOENIX oracle. Using the tried and

tested Maruman putter she

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Tucson the week before (she

missed the cut), Davies had

five birdies on the first nine, to

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insisted, by golf shoes, not the

previous night's game of bas-

ketball, she hit an eight-iron to

two inches at the 1st, so there

The wind was so strong she

was no strain on her stroke.

reached the 4th, a 485-yard

par five, with a drive and a six-

iron and secured an eagle

three from 25 feet. She also

birdied the 5th, 6th and 8th, to

remind anyone who had for-

gotten that this particular

piece of the West was her

territory.
The 5th, a par three of 141

yards over water, where Da-

After limping down the first

go out in 31.

LAURA DAVIES wanted the wind to blow throughout the final round of the Standard Register Ping tournament at Moon Valley yesterday but the day dawned calm, the sky was blue and it looked like perfect weather for low scoring.

The wind makes the course tougher and I always think I play better on tough courses," Davies, aiming to win here for the third year in succession. said. She had given herself every chance with a third round of 69, four under par, on a day when the wind gusted up to 25mph and the field averaged 76.2 strokes. That left the world No 1 on 213, six under, three strokes behind Kristal Parker-Gregory, a native of Ohio familiar to followers of the European Tour but a stranger to victory on either side of the Atlantic.

Married to a musician, Parker-Gregory, who had a couple of third places in her time in Europe but has not finished higher than twentieth in the United States, had only two bogeys in her round, a tally matched by Davies.

The Englishwoman, who missed a putt of 18 inches on her last hole on Friday, claimed then she had no hope of winning while putting the way she was. But yet another change of putter - her third in three days - worked the

vies's eight-iron tee-shot stopped three inches short of the hole, illustrated the problems of the day. There was only one other two, by Joan Pitcock, who hit 80 other shots. Having negotiated the front nine to her satisfaction. Davies played the par-five 10th conservatively and took six. She also dropped a shot at the short 11th but had the bonus of a birdie three at the treacher-

ous 17th, where she holed from **SNOW REPORTS** Conditions Runs to Off/p resort

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Peak practice helps Brown hit new high

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

JON BROWN produced the best performance by a British man at the world cross country championships for seven years here on Saturday yet still finished behind the last scoring Kenyan. Once again, Africa dominated this event as surely as Table Mountain dominates nearby Cape Town.

African nations won all four individual and team races, II of the 12 individual medals and ten of the 12 sets of team medals. Kenya won the men's ream title for an eleventh successive year and the women's for the fifth time in six years. Britain, meanwhile, has become accustomed to measuring success by how it fares in a European context and, in that respect, the senior men showed up well.

After three years in decline, they finished fifth, second only to Spain in the European subplot. Brown, twelth, was the first European, the highest by a Briton since Tim Hutchings was second in 1989.

Thus Brown justified his selection, despite missing the trial, while the controversial inclusion of Rob Denmark, ahead of athletes who had beaten him in the selection race, was justified. He was the third British scorer, ahead of Keith Cullen, the trial-winner.

The leading British runners agree that, to become medal contenders, the trial needs to be dropped and a squad assembled for warm-weather altitude training six weeks before the championships. "It is haphazard," Brown said. "At the moment it is just hobby preparation."

Brown spent seven weeks at altitude in Boulder, Colorado, which, though not ideal because the weather was cold, was better preparation than that enjoyed by his team colleagues. He chose Boulder because he was offered cheap accommodation and medical support. "A team camp in

Johannesburg would have been perfect," he said. He accused the British Athletic Federation (BAF) of ineptitude. "The coaching staff here have been fantastic in getting people motivated but it is the preparation that is most important and we are not getting any help," he said.

in his first year as manager, David Clarke has made a big impression, winning the support of the athletes. Brown. Denmark and John Nuttall. the second Briton here, agree that the squad should be selected by Clarke several weeks before the championships, rather than by selectors three weeks in advance.

no hope for the funding of a pre-championships camp. In that case, he said, the trial must stay. "You have got to Clarke said. But, as Brown said: You are not going to get some dark horse from Britain in the top 30." The point was proved bySteve Harris, the who finished 151st.

parlous state, Clarke holds out

Paul Tergat, from Kenya, retained the men's title. though he was nearly brought down when Haile Gebresilasie, from Ethiopia, tripped on a log. Tergat's eleventh kilometre, in 2min 29sec — sub 25-minute pace at 10,000 metres — ended Gebresilasie's chances

The familiar Kenya team tactics worked well for Tergat, who ran behind the leading group for most of the way. Gebresilasie, the 5,000 and 10,000 metres world recordholder but never higher than third in four world cross



embarrassment for the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF). Two of their team were Iulia Negura and Elena Fidatov, who were found last week to have taken a drug-masking agent that is not on the banned list. Primo Nebiolo, the IAAF president, described what Negura and Fidatov had taken as a terrible substance".

RFU clears rebels out of congested war zone

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

WHILE English rugby's in-cipient rebellion was reduced to a murmur at Birmingham yesterday, the main battle remains to be fought. The Rugby Football Union's (RFU) handling of its second special general meeting was far more successful than the first attempt ten weeks ago but today, just 24 hours later, it must find some accord with its

leading clubs. The rank-and-file of English rugby — given that the content of the meeting was largely West Country in origin it may be likened to Monmouth's rebellion - were justified in their appeal, in January, on behalf of "their" game.

Yesterday's subsidence, in the face of the RFU's insistence that every club had the right to

Bath go through

decide on the future of the open game in England, was equally predictable if the sport's authority is to be

The RFU, better briefed and steered calmly through the shoal of 20 resolutions by Bob Rogers, its game regulations officer, found support for the broad principle of an open, seamless game.

They can expect a stronger challenge in London today, when they resume talks with representatives of the first and second division clubs that were adjourned after five hours last Thursday without any obvious progress being made on such crucial issues as player contracts and playing

This is in strict contrast with the meeting on Saturday in Cardiff between the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) and its leading clubs. To its surprise, the WRU found a substantial degree of unanimity over European and Anglo-Welsh proposals for next season, with the home-and-away principle of what is now the Heineken League possibly

being rescinded "It was made clear that any negotiation would be done by the union and there was no argument," Vernon Pugh, the WRU chairman, said. That might not be the case today, so strongly do England's clubs seek to control their own commercial and playing structures; indeed the seeds of

conflict may be increased as Fran Cotton remains a member of the RFU negotiating panel.

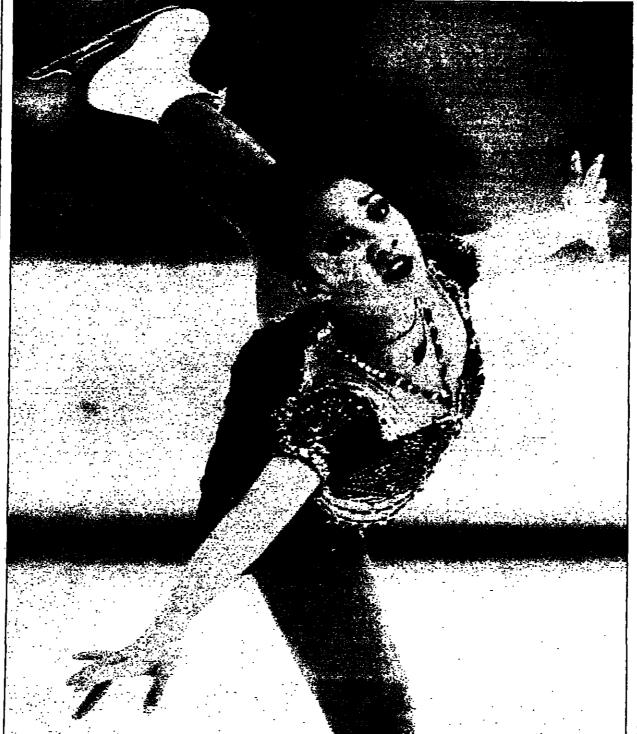
Cotton, the former England prop who now chairs the North's playing committee, took the oportunity in Birmingham yesterday to challenge the motives of the leading clubs. Proposing a divisional structure as the best way to guarantee future success at international level. Conton said: "The club posturing is driven by three or four clubs or, should I say, three or four individuals within those clubs. The language coming from those clubs is disenfranchising their own members. Those clubs are not united and, in most cases, are financially weak.

We are convinced that the RFU would have the support of the vast majority of the game if it took a firm stance now to control the first division clubs and ensure that democracy prevails." As his audience included a former playing colleague, Peter Wheeler, of Leicester, who is now in the vanguard of the clubs' drive for commercial prosperity, the potential for disagreement remains as

strong as ever. Democracy, at least, has had its day. David Hiles, the secretary of Pinner and Grammarians, who described the first special meeting as a shambles, congratulated the RFU on its organisation. "Our task it to persuade the senior clubs to stay with us, to work with us and remember the roots from which they came," he said.

"What I want from senior players is for them to become heroes for my school pupils to look up to. There are too many anti-heroes in today's society. I want people who rise to the top to realise what they have to live up to in terms of standards and behaviour "

Hiles received a rousing reception before the meeting ground out details of player registration - which will now require a seven-day clearance and no fee — and accepted the RFU's recommendation for a new disciplinary body to deal with high-profile cases. The union, after receiving advice from the Football Association, regarded this as critical given the potential for litigation now implicit in a professional



Kwan, the American ice skater, displays excellent balance on her way to the world championship gold medal

Kwan's perfect answer secures title

FROM JOHN HENNESSY IN EDMONTON

THE curtain came down on the world ice skating championships at the Coliseum here on Saturday evening with a battle royal between two gifted teenagers, between East and West, between a Chinese American and a Chinese

Chinese. When the dust settled Michelle Kwan, the 15-year-old American, had risen magnificently to the formidable challenge thrown down by Lu Chen, 19, to win by six judges

to three. Nobody here could remember if there had ever been a perfect mark of 6.0 in the women's championship, yet here there were four, two to each skater for presentation. Sixes have been commonplace in ice dance and occasionally among the men, but

never, it seems, among the That was the measure of the task facing Kwan, protected from the scene by a curtain as she waited to skate, fully able to hear Chen's glittering array of marks.

The Chinese Chinese had announced herself with two combinations, adding double toe loops to first a triple lutz and then a triple flip. From then on there was no hint of error as she wove her magic through a series of four more triple jumps interlaced with

elegant spins and spirals. Waiting for Chen's marks, the crowd bayed: "Six, six, six..." and the judges from France and Hungary duly

obliged.
All previous experience told us that Chen had retained her title, but nobody had told Kwan. She opened with a setback, for her combination was the same as planned a triple toe loop the end of her lutz.

But she and her coach, wise old Frank Carroll, had prepared for that possibility and, defying fatigue, she made amends with a triple toe loop. her seventh, instead of a double axel at the very end of

her programme. What a way to round off four minutes of demanding skating and at the age of 15.

Again the cry went up: "Six.

six, six..." and again two judges responded, those from Bulgaria and Japan. The women's final is often

disappointment, but not this time. This was a classic, with two Russians, Irina Slutskaya, European champiat 17, and Maria Butyrskaya, an old lady of 23, also skating almost to their full potential, to take the next two places.

Stephanie Main, the British champion, showed much better form than in the qualifying competition, with two successful triple jumps and an average mark of nearly 4.7, compared with a little over 4.1 last Monday. All the same, it only served to keep her in 22nd place.

IAAF to extend prize-money

With the BAF's finances in a

FROM DAVID POWELL IN CAPE TOWN

PRIZE-MONEY is to be paid at the world championships for the first time, the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) announced here yesterday. It will include probably \$100,000 (about £65,000) for a world record and an estimated \$10 million overall is likely to be paid out at the next outdoor world championships in Athens in 1997.

The world indoor championships and the World Cup are also to become prizemoney events, although the sport's other main spectacle, the world cross country championships, remain for honour and sponsorship benefits only. The first IAAF championships to be held with prize-money will be the world indoor championships in Paris next

the IAAF's intransipence towards paying prize-money. Michael Johnson, Carl Lewis and Noureddine Morceli are among those who have been critical and the awarding of cars to winners at the past two outdoor world championships went only a short way to appeasing the critics. We have decided to face life in a realistic manner," Primo Nebiolo, the IAAF president,

Now athletes are set to enjoy a new wealth. Grand prix prize-money has already been ncreased hugely this year to \$3.4 million. While reluctant to indicate how much a world champion's purse might be worth, Nebiolo said it would be "surely not less" than in the grand prix. Probably in the egion of \$100,000.

The LAAF will be rewarding not only its champions but

also the support cast in each event, down to eighth place. providing it secures the sponsorship, of which - in view of the announcement yesterday

 Nebiolo seems confident. However, the 1996 grand prix has started without a backer so far, and an agreement over a new television deal is long overdue. If Nebiolo has misjudged it, the LAAF will need to dig into its

The IAAF has also changed the Olympic timetable to accommodate Johnson's attempt at a 200-400 metres double and relented on its controversial decision to stage the men's marathon in early evening when the risk of heat exhaustion in Atlanta is high. It will be run at 7am. The council of the IAAF will be busy today, when it considers the Diane Modahi case.

Pickering appeals for support

KAREN PICKERING, Britain's most successful woman swimmer of the past three years, last night said she would not attend the Olympic training camp, did not wish to attend the compulsory holding camp and held out little hope of glory in Atlanta if Britain failed to select her coach to travel with her this summer.

After winning the 200 metres freestyle at the Olympic trials in Sheffield, which ended last night with 27 swimmers on the national team for Atlanta. Pickering said of her coach, Dave Champion: "If he's not there, there's no point in me going to the camp. What more do I have to do to make sure everything is right on the bie day?"

Champion was not with Pickering, 24, in Barcelona, and the pair said they would never again wish to attend a

camp after a BBC camera fell into the water on top of Pickering, slightly injuring

her back before she competed. The selectors have three places for coaches to fill. Two remain, but Pickering believes she and Champion will lose out "It seems they prefer the coaches of male swimmers," she said after being pressed to a time of 2min 01.39sec, her fourth fastest, by Sarah

Hardcastle yesterday. The display of the weekend came from James Hickman in the 200 metres butterfly. Hickman, 19, from Stockport, became the first Briton to swim under two minutes in the heats on Saturday, breaking the record of Philip Hubble, whose 2min 00.21sec was set when he finished behind Michael Gross at the 1981 European championships.

Hubble sent a fax to congratulate Hickman, which spurred the teenager to lower his new standard by a further 1 22sec in the final. His lmin 58.50sec would have won him the bronze medal at the Barce-

Caroline Foot, 31 last week, esterday joined Margaret Hohmann, nee Kelly, as the only other member of that exclusive club of thirtysomethings who have swum for Britain at the Olympic Games since the Second World War. Her time of Imin 01.89sec in the 100 metres butterfly was a personal best. Others to book places on the team last night were Adam Ruckwood, an outside medal hope in the 200 metres backstroke, and Helen Slatter, in the 100 metres backstroke.

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Panthers forced to rely on benefactor

NOT being in the play-offs, which is now the likely fate of the Doncaster Panthers basketball team after their defeat by Thames Valley Tigers on Saturday, will pale into insignificance if the club goes out of existence at the end of the (Nicholas Harling Their destiny lies, apparently, with a mystery benefactor who is deciding whether to allow the Panthers

Should the promote Palace, the first division champions-elect, he would almost certainly plump for the London club. However should Palace be denied for the fourth successive season. the Panthers may get his vote, which would be doubly welcome since the country's biggest joinery firm, John Carr, will shortly end its second term of sponsorship after 3½

their own hopes of reaching

Budweiser League decide belatedly to

In the process of their 99-92 victory, the Tigers improved

Worthing Bears, safe in seventh place, participated in a high-scoring 131-107 win over Hemel Hempstead Royals. The last quarter alone produced 77 points, 47 of them or Crystal Palace to profit Steve Nelson's 34 points

were three more than his player-coach, Colin Irish, although neither Bear could surpass Ray Schultz, scorer of 38 points for the Royals. Derby Storm, winners by 102-82 over Chester Jets, were indebted to LaKeith Humphrey for his 23 points, including one remarkable spell

when he accumulated 13 in a There has been growing unrest among athletes over

"The boys done great Brian!"



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Keegan flirts with muddle management

David Miller finds flaws in the character and leadership

of the erstwhile league leaders

Keegan gone wrong? His team, which seemingly could not stop winning, now cannot halt the uncomfortable experience of defeat. Newcastle United have taken a mere four points from the last possible 15, with the title sliding away from them. month of Keegan's relatively short managerial career.

Newcastle, beaten 2-0 by Arsenal at Highbury on Saturday, are failing to find many of the characteristics that distinguished Keegan as a player. They are proving fragile away from home; their teamwork is inconsistent; and their heads are dropping under pressure.

That was never Keegan. His play was as resistant to erosion as flint, from the time of his first senior overseas tour with England, in 1974, when he was beaten up by Yugoslav immigration police. So tenacious was he on any field, anywhere, that Don Revie made him captain in succession to the injured Gerry Francis in 1976.

In the imponderable dressing-room equation that always exists between manager and team, one cannot at this stage determine who is failing whom. Has the introduction of Asprilla upset the balance of a winning side, as was widely forecast? Asprilla's mesmeric dribbling foundered against the three Arsenal centre backs, Keown, Linighan and Marshall, never mind the absence

of Adams and Bould. Or are Newcastle's many other good players wilting under expectation, proving to be not as good as was supposed now the climax of the ason has arrived? With typical honesty in the aftermath, Keegan lamented that many of the team had under-performed, and that "you cannot carry five or six. That effect-

ively amounts to the team not being able to carry itself, a disturbing thought.

Or, a third possibility, is the team not receiving the right messages from a manager who has limited experience in the cockpit at this level? Where Newcastle do not have a fulcrum such as Barnes or McManaman, of Liverpool, or Cantona, of Manchester United, the manager's vision is more than ever important. Keegan admitted that "we're not going to win the champ-ionship at home. He needs. somehow, to help to get it right away from home, yet with matches yet to come at Liverpool, Blackburn, Leeds and Nottingham Forest, the feeling is that this is not going to be

Newcastle's year. Bruce Rioch, analysing an Arsenal victory that rested on goals by Marshall and Wright in the first 20 minutes, shrewdly observed that Liverpool and Manchester United are playing without the tension that is detectable within Newcastle. It exists because Newcastle are unstable at the back, while Beardsley, Lee, Batty and Ginola do not look like a championship-winning midfield line.

Ginola plays too much for himself, Batty is no more than a stroppy errand boy. Lee lacks the poise of someone acclaimed to be of internationclass and Beardsley is dinging to the remnants of an eminent but fading career.

In front of all this, the

talents of Asprilla and Ferdinand cannot be expected consistently to deliver the goods, close though Asprilla came to doing so in the three minutes

immediately before half-time. First, finding himself disbelievingly not offside when receiving the ball ten yards out, he momentarily hesitated. and his eventual, lifted shot was comfortably turned away



Ginola, right, the Newcastle winger, attempts to fend off the challenge of Dixon, the Arsenal defender. Photograph: Julian Herbert

by Seaman. Moments later, Asprilla left the pedestrian Platt for dead on the edge of the centre circle, raced to the penalty area, sidestepped inighan and hit a cross-shot which again Seaman saved. In the next breath, Asprilla glanced a shot no more than a foot wide when put clear by

In those few moments, Newcastle's hopes came and went, and by the time Asprilla hit a post in the closing minutes, the Arsenal supporters had long been chanting tauntingly that Keegan had better get his cheque-book out again.

Rioch, the Arsenal manager, said afterwards that it is players, rather than systems,

Struggling City are made

that win matches, but there was no doubting the effectiveness on this occasion with which Arsenal's rearguard stifled any menace while, at the other end, the industry of Bergkamp behind Wright before he had to leave the field with an injury - and Hartson ground Batty

Arsenal were ahead within three minutes. The uncertain Barton conceded a corner under pressure from Wright. Merson's kick was deflected at the near post and Marshall met the ball with a header which gave Smicek no chance

Arsenal continued to control the play and, after 18 minutes.

Winterburn went past Barton to roll the ball square into the path of Wright, who scored with a glancing shot.

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Wimbledon ...

By MARK HODKINSON

TEAM spirit is like wisdom, health, love and youth — it cannot be bought. Coveted by all, achieved by few, it is the only real strand of romanticism remaining in the modern game. It is a paradox that while Wimbledon's style and etiquette are unapologetically raw, their camaraderie has a marvellously old-fashioned

When a Wimbledon player mistimed a pass on Saturday, or failed to control the ball, there was always a pat on the back or a word of consolation from a colleague. Everton, in contrast, were far less conge-nial. Especially Kanchelskis, who grumbled and gesticulated every time the ball was not placed onto his instep.

Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, was fervent in room is on fire. I have just put my arms around every one of my players," he said. "You don't know how big this result is to us. We are a small club without a lot of money and resources and to come to a massive club like this and get a result is fantastic."

He singled out the endeavour of Andy Clarke. Appropri-ately so. I thought he gave their defenders a nightmare." Kinnear said. That was a rare understatement. Clarke, shoulders rolling, feet shufling, had run selflessly across the front line, a spirit that Watson and Short were unable to exorcise.

Joe Royle, the Everton manager, chose unusual adjectives. to describe the game. "There is a strange atmosphere out there," he said. "I cannot really explain it. We have just started conceding goals. It has become mysterious to me why this is happening."

The game's first two goals

came from the same template. Jones floated a free kick to Gayle and he headed past Southali. Ten minutes later, Limpar plagiarised the move

and Short supplied the finish. If Kanchelskis and Limpar were reluctant to release the ball, preferring instead to shape their own personal glory, Wimbledon were politeness itself, often passing

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across the goal when a shot

was necessary. Jones, guilty of some erratic

passing, was substituted before half-time. He kissed his replacement. Castledine, on the cheek and punched him on the arm. Team spirit clearly moves in mysterious ways at Wimbledon.

Everton took the lead when Amokachi crossed for Kanchelskis to head home. Within minutes. Castledine drove the ball past Southall. Limpar appeared to restore the lead for Everton but his fierce shot went into the side-netting. There were, however, itchy fingers at the control panel of the electronic scoreboard and the Everton players had to endure the word "goal" being flashed repeatedly before their eyes as Sullivan dutifully took a goal kick.

With five minutes remaining, Clarke stole a goal, his header dallying Southall's gloves and the crossbar before dropping into the net. Soon afterwards Clarke made the byline, crossed to the far post, and Goodman, another substitute. nodded home.

At the final whistle, Clarke, with a smile that flashed unadulterated elation, looked to the skies. Effort, enterprise and harmony had brought Wimbledon a deserved win. and probably secured their place in the FA Carling Premiership for another season.

EVERTON (4-2-4) N Southall — M Hottiger, C Short, D Watson, A Herchcliffe — B Horne, J Ebbroll (sub. P Rideous, 45mm) — A Kanchelskis, D Farguson, G Shart (sub. D Amokachi, 57), A Umpar. WIMBLEDON (4-1-2-3): N Sushvan — K Cumingham, C Perry. D Blackmell, A Kimble — V Jones (sub. S Castledine, 28): — R Earls. O Leonhardsen — E Black (sub. J Goodman. 69), A Clarke, M Garle Referee: R Dikes

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Sheffield Wednesday 1

BY PETER BALL

TEAMS under pressure revert to type. After an anaemic first half, Bolton Wanderers listened to their ancestral voices on Saturday, recalling the aggressive side of Nat Lofthouse rather than the more recent footballing teams of Ian Greaves and Bruce Rioch as they thrust Sheffield Wednesday aside to claim

three important points. "I admit there has been a change of thinking at the club," Colin Todd, the Bolton manager, said. "In the summer we were looking at the ideal of how Bolton have played, but now it is a case of grabbing results and doing whatever we have to do to get

The win, their fourth in six games, takes them off the bottom of the FA Carling Premiership for the first time this year. Suddenly, an escape of epic proportions is a possibility, if a remote one.

them."

It had all looked unlikely for 40 minutes as Wednesday controlled the game. But then, in the dying moments of the first half. Curcic wriggled to the byline and laid the ball back for Sellars to equalise Whittingham's goal.
That offered a hint of hope.

and in the second half Bolton grasped the moment. With its passionate, partisan crowd in full-throated support on its

surviving terraces. Burnden back to another age. If Shef-field Wednesday had been wearing their traditional blue and white on Saturday, it would have looked like a meeting of 40 years ago with the Bolton of Hartle and Banks, Hennin and Higgins muscling aside the deft touches of Quixall and Froggatt.

It was too much for this Wednesday, just as it had been for that other Wednesday side of sophisticated football but little spirit. "You'd better talk to Jeff Winter [the referee]," David Pleat, the Wednesday manager, snapped when asked for his comments. Privately. Wednesday left complaining that they had been kicked out of it.

Degryse was kicked behind the knee as he lay on the ground and Wednesday thought they should have had a penalty, but no team with Sellars, Thompson and the waif-like Curcic is going to rely on kicking teams into submission.

Stubbs was strong and Coleman put himself about determinedly, but Curcic made the crucial contribution, a low snap shot sneaking past Woods for the winner.

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to pay for false economy

ed the first dividend from their sale of Garry Flitcroft at Upton Park on Saturday: a humbling 4-2 defeat by West Ham United that left them one place closer to the FA Carling Premiership relegation zone.

Hundreds of City supporters jammed the club's switchboard late last week to protest at the £3.2 million sale of the home-grown midfield player to Blackburn Rovers. Alan Ball, the City manager, said they had cover. Well, Blackburn have got cover for Alan Shearer, too, but that does not mean they want to sell him. Add to that the fact that demotion to the Endsleigh Insurance League, a real possibility now, would wipe out their profit at a stroke and the deal has false economy writ-

ten all over it. Ball, of course, blamed the defeat on everything but the midfield. The defence was at fault — sloppy marking — for the first two goals, he said, and the attack squandered a succession of crosses that flashed across the face of the goal. If Basil Fawlty had been around, he would have been darting through the postmatch press conference stage

whispering: "Don't mention the transfer." Without Flitcroft, City did not have the balance to outwit their hosts. Kinkladze was brilliant, as usual, flicking the ball over Dicks's head and easing past two challenges

ill-judged departure could send Alan Ball's

team into oblivion

before being cut down to earn his team a penalty three minutes from the end. Miklosko saved Curle's wellstruck kick.

In the second half, though, even the invention of the diminutive Georgian was swamped by West Ham's supremacy. Kinkladze apart. City's growing foreign legion of players looks like a rag-tag conscript army, a shoddy outfit manned by short-term reinforcements beating a steady

Rösler's main contribution was kicking a post in frustration so hard that he had to go off for treatment. The West Ham League of Nations, in contrast, is going from strength to strength and shows real signs of becoming

It was ironic that amid all the exotic names - the Dumitrescus, Bilics. Frontzecks. Danis and Mazzarellis - it should be Dowie, that epitome of British grit and directness, who should steal

He put West Ham in the lead midway through the first half when he headed high past Immel after Dicks's effort had been cleared off the line

anchester City reap- Oliver Holt on why an and, nine minutes after the interval, he beat his marker to Hughes's near-post corner and glanced it into the top corner of the City net.

Lomas, assisted by Brown, did his best to fill Flitcroft's tough-tackling shoes but the young Northern Ireland international was sent off for his second clumsy challenge 15 minutes from the end. Quinn gave City some hope with a crambled goal a minute later but a powerful shot by Dicks and a clever finish by Dani finished them off, before Quinn produced a clever turn and unstoppable left-foot volley to reduce the arrears with

the last kick of the match. "It was a crazy, crazy game," Ball said. "It was daft really. Until they scored, we were comfy. I have not seen us get the ball across the face of the goal that much for a long, long time but we did not put i in. Then, some of our defenders failed to do their jobs, they went ahead and we were struggling."

Nobody mentioned Flitcroft, but somebody did suggest Kinkladze might be next on the transfer hit-list. Ball glared at him. "We've got him on a long contract," he said, and walked out.

WEST HAM UNITED (4-4-2): L Miklosko T Breuzker, S Bike, M Reper, J Dicks — Hughes, D Williamson 1 Behopik Rowla — I Dummescu (sub-Dani, 70mm), / Dow MANCHESTER CITY (3-4-1-2) E Immel — K Curlo, K Symons, I Brightwell — K Summorbee (sub & Maczarelli 72), S Lomas, M Brown M Frontzeck (sub: S Hiey, 57) — G Knikladze — N Clough, U Roster (sub: N Catrin, 57)

Wilkins ensnared by poverty trap

BY ALYSON RUDD

IT IS perfectly straightforneed to find a seriously ner or heiress.

On Saturday, Ray Wilkins, stating "bottom of the table"

toothbrush.

ward. Queens Park Rangers wealthy benefactor before the transfer deadline on Thursday. There is a high statistical probability that among their supporters there is a successful entrepreneur, lottery win-

the Rangers manager, read out a small ad: The players we would need to bring into this club to get us out of the situation would cost us lots and lots of money. We don't have lots of money." How could any self-respecting supporter with lots of money pass Wilkins's empty hat and sign please help" without making a contribution?

One excuse could be that Wilkins would not spend the gift wisely. He sold Ferdinand and with the proceeds bought Zelic, Osborn, Hateley and Sommer. Many view this exchange akin to pawning their mother's engagement ring for two bottles of gin, ten scratch cards and a second-hand

At least Sommer performed reasonably well against Chelsea, in particular saving alertly with his feet from Spencer just after the Scotland international had improbably given Chelsea the lead with an

equalise from the edge of the area and, although Chelsea should have won, a combination of their visitors' tenacity and careless finishing by Furlong led to the draw.

Cheisea will not be too concerned. It used to be that no club was too big to be relegated but now size really matters and Chelsea are fast becoming a big club. Whatever else Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, has done, he did at least find Matthew Harding. Harding's gift and loans help Chelsea to pay Gullit's wages and enabled them to buy Petrescu and Hughes.

So attractive has their football become that Umbro is prepared to invest £20 million in sponsorship over the next seven years. Precisely how Chelsea will continue to be run and funded is still unclear but it seems certain that the west London club will emerge with FA Carling Premiership stature guaranteed.

If Hastings Town and Stameo, of the Unijet Sussex County League, can convince a lottery winner to part with his easily-earned cash, then surely so can Rangers. It is their only hope.

CHELSEA (5-22-1): K. Hitchcock — D. Petrescu, M. Duberry, D. Lee (sub: E. Johnsen, Börnin), S. Clarke, T. Prietari — C. Burley, R. Gullii — D. Wise, J. Spencer Isub: G. Peacook. 80). — M. Hughes (sub. P. Purlang, SZ).

CUEENS. PARK. RANGERS. (4-3-3). J. Sommer. — D. Bartisley. A. McCopel. In. Sommer — D Bardsey, A McDonald, D Maddar (sub: K Ready, 46), R Breven — S Yates (sub: M Brazier, 88). S Barter, A Impey — T Sinclar, N Gallen (sub: M Hateley, 77), D Dictino

Collymore chastened by Forest's chorus of disapproval English football, about to soar to new football, by which big money and Nottingham Forest



Collymore was booked before being substituted

Liverpool

By SIMON BARNES

IT WAS not so much a contest of footballing skills, more an examination of self-belief. Perhaps that is the case with all football matches, but if so, it was ten times truer of this one. It was true on a collective and on an individual basis.

Did Liverpool really believe that they were the equals of the legendary Liverpool sides of a decade back, the dynasty of teams that won everything as of right? Were they about to become, like their predecessors, the team that always started one-up, in the Potteresque sense of one-upmanship, and against whom all opponents started one-down?

And as for the individual, was Startley Collymore, still the most expensive player in the history of

heights on his return to his former club, Nottingham Forest? The answers, after an unusually

vicious session at the Saturday Afternoon Theatre of Cruelty, were no and no. Forest won and Collymore was substituted. Anthony Burgess's first wife used to enliven points of tension in married life by chanting at her

husband the verdict of a critic: "Mr

Burgess disappoints." The Forest

crowd showed the same relish for wounding cruelty. Not the odd gibe, the odd boo. The stadium rung to orchestrated chants: "Judas! Judas!" Or. after a pause for inspiration: "One greedy bastard! Only one greedy bastard ... " Every one who has ever been six and in a playground will know how

Collymore felt; and seeing that he felt

Perhaps the crowd should have

it badly, the cries came ever louder.

cried out against the state of modern

leading players flow inevitably to the tiny handful of big clubs. But far easier to excoriate an individual and Collymore was chastened, not There is a shark-like menace about

Collymore when he is at his best; a rare combination of strength and self-certainty. But seeking defiance, he found himself taunted into tentativeness. The game really turned around his short-range poke at goal in the first half. It was a predator's chance, requiring instant response and a soupcon of accuracy. Collymore made scant contact and Crossley made the save without anxiety.

Later in the second half Liverpool compiled a move of a sureness they had been groping for all afternoon. It culminated in a swift, shallow cross from Fowler. Collymore should have been steaming in on it. But he was hanging back, anticipating a quite different move. In such an atmosphere, and always "trying too hard", you begin to doubt even your own deepest instincts.

Thus the game was decided by a goal of perfect uncertainty. It needs no ghost from the grave to tell us that Pearce can kick like a mule. James, the Liverpool goalkeeper, was nonetheless unprepared. Pearce hit straight at him, but that is no guarantee of safety where Pearce is concerned. James made a hash of it, the ball bounced back off his chest, Cooper tucked it back and Stone finished with some exuberance.

One-down at half-time, Liverpool must have heard that the FA Carling Premiership leaders, Newcastle United, were still worse off against Arsenal. It was the moment to stake a serious claim for the championship. Surfing a tremendous run of 20 games without defeat. Liverpool faced a moment that decides the destinies of seasons, teams, managers, dynasties. And Liverpool had everything save self-certainty. Collymore was booked for a shov-

ing match after Stone had fouled him and then was substituted, to the howling glee of all Nottingham. Liverpool did all they could, but still managed to look like a bunch of talented individuals. And on the one occasion that individual brilliance might have done something, the crossbar intervened magnificently to block Fowler's 30-yard chip.

Liverpool seemed to have condemned themselves to that nebulous consolation prize of "a place in Europe". And everyone present on an unpleasant afternoon will remember the truth that was at the heart of it all. Mr Collymore disappoints.

NOTING-HAM FOREST 144-2" M Crossley — D Lyrite, C Cooper, S Chorto, S Peerce — S Sione, S Germali, C Bert-Williams, I Woen — J Lee, B Roy (sub: C Alien, 79)
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Tottenham fall to Gallic flair

Cantona proving irresistible as United stride on

Manchester United 1 Tottenham Hotspur 0

By MICHAEL HENDERSON

DAY by day, piece by piece, the picture is becoming clearer. When the championship jigsaw is complete, it will surely reveal a central image. Eric Cantona, of course, for brilliant Frenchman seems determined to bring the trophy hack to Old Trafford on his own. His goal separated United from a dapper Tottenham side yesterday, putting them three points ahead of Newcastle. Theirs is the position of strength with six weeks to go.

Where would United be without Cantona? At least four points behind Newcastle, for sure. Cantona's goals have won three of United's past four matches, against Newcastle, Arsenal and Tonenham, and claimed a point from the other, at Queens Park Rangers. He has scored in each of the last five games and yesterday's 51st-minute effort was his fifteenth of the season. United are now unbeaten in 15 games, since Tottenham beat them 4-1 on New Year's Day.

Contrast Cantona's form with that of the hapless Andy Cole, who has now scored only twice in the past 12 games and who was substituted yesterday 17 minutes from time after contributing nothing of value. Indeed, Tottenham were the better side for long stretches of the game and United ended it with Sharpe and Keane oper-ating in defence and with McClair plugging the midfield gaps. Cantona was left alone up front, but United held on grimly.

Cantona's goal was outstanding. He picked up the ball ten yards into the Spurs half, burst past two challengers and then drifted towards the inside-left channel before delivering a left-footed shot from 20 yards that crept in at

a costly miss. United should also have scored four minutes later. This time Giggs was the provider, jinking in from the right touchline before releasing a pass with his favoured left foot for Cole, who had delayed his run from outside the box. A proper goalscorer should never pass up an opportunity like that but Cole, in his present form, is no goalscorer and he prodded his shot straight at Walker, who sat on the ball like a mother hen.

an expansive game.

before Cantona had scored,

they should have been award-

Tottenham should have

gone ahead after 20 minutes,

and it would have been a

deserved lead. When Fox played in a ball from the right,

Bruce failed to anticipate Arm-

strong's movement behind

him and the ball fell nicely for

the striker. He ought to have

scored, but instead poked the

ball at Schmeichel, who stood

tall and proved defiant. It was

ed a corner at the other end.

Giggs might have scored before half-time when he ran on to Sharpe's pass and lifted the ball wide of the advancing Walker, but high of the goal. Giggs had switched flanks by then as Alex Ferguson redeployed his resources. Philip Neville, who began the match at left back, was moved to the right side of midfield, enabling Sharpe to drop back in his stead. Tottenham's crisp football had clearly rattled United and Ferguson stuck every opportunity, irrespective with his altered formation of whether he has done any-



Schmeichel, often under pressure in the United goal, rises above Sheringham to repulse a Tottenham attack

after the break when United's football was more relaxed, bolstered as they were by Cantona's splendid goal.

As usual the Frenchman was at the heart of their cleverest moves. Quite apart from being an exceptional finisher and a true virtuoso (a much over-used word) he is also every inch the team man. always available and always ready to play the sensible pass when the spectacular one is

Cole, on the other hand. remains a square peg in a round hole. It must be evident now, even to Ferguson, that he can no longer command a first-team place on merit. His only asset is goal-power, and now that those goals have dried up, he gives the team very little. The crowd sympathise with him as one tends to do with a wayward child, or someone who is slow on the uptake. They now cheer him at

thing of merit. The over-whelming feeling is one of embarrassment that United have wasted so much money on a man unworthy of the red

Towards the end of the match, Giggs came to the fore, running directly at defenders and pressing the Tottenham defence. Two minutes from time, when Bruce sent Beckham down the right, Giggs met the cross with a first-time shot from eight yards, but the ball struck the

A second goal would have flattered United, to be fair, and it took Schmeichel's fine leaping save to tip over Sheringham's header and preserve their lead.

MANCHESTER UNITED (5-3-2); P Schmeichel — G Neville, S Bruce, D May, P Neville (sub: D Beckham, Gamin), L Sharpe — R Keene, N Butt, R Giggs — A Cole (sub: B McClair, 73), E Cantona. TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-4-2): I Walker — D Austin, G Mebbud (sub: S Nethercott, 51), S Campbell, C Wilson — R Fox, D

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Burns sees Celtic's title hopes fade at Fir Park



Scottish commentary

The droop of a mouth is never as precise as the line on a graph. Watching the Celtic players hurry out of Fir Park on Saturday. after the 0-0 draw with Moth erwell, it was impossible to judge precisely how far their spirits had dropped. Was this mere disappointment or complete despondency? The expressions alone could not tell

With a 3-2 win over Falkirk at Ibrox, in which Erik Bo Andersen, the Denmark striker. scored twice, Rangers have now stretched their lead in the Bell's Scottish League pre-mier division to five points. Of their half-dozen remaining fixtures, four are away from home but Walter Smith's team is yet to be beaten on its travels around Scotland this

If the story of the championship is not quite over, it does appear to have reached that stage where the plot begins to wind down. Celtic's revival has made it an agrecable tale. but the club may have the troubling sense that irony is looming over it Should Tommy Burns's team, the holders of the Tennents Scottish Cup. lose the semi-final to Rangers on April 7. Celtic's manifest improvement will still leave them with no trophies from this season.

On Saturday the pitch was fiery, Motherwell were inflamed and, even when the visiting team did at last assert themselves, they lacked inge-

Rangers, with Gascoigne and Laudrup, have the inventiveness that makes the breakthrough easier to achieve, as an advantage of 14 over Celtic in goal difference demonstrates. Burns still needs to add more substance to the style. On Saturday he registered Jorge Cadete, the Portugal forward, in time to beat the eligibility deadline for the cup semi-final.

Nonetheless, international clearance for Cadete, who bought out his contract with Sporting Lisbon last week, has not yet been supplied by the Portuguese FA. It is expected to arrive shortly but his entitlement to play in the semi-final is questionable. The procedural matter will probably have to be settled by the Scottish Football Association's executive committee.

s a continued interest Ac Milan, demonin Paolo di Canio, of strates, however, Burns recognises that the development still required by Celtic must involve much more than Cadete's arrival.

Anyone who feels Scottish football lacks competitiveness has not examined the seething depths of the premier divi-sion. Dundee United, the winners of the Scottish Cup in 1994 who were relegated in 1995, know how powerful is the vortex that can grip a club when it slips too far down the

division. Motherwell, with four successive victories before the draw on Saturday, have almost escaped the pull of failure. Their revival coincides with the purchase from Celtic, for a nominal fee, of Willie Falconer. The height and weight he adds in attack have ensured that Motherwell, when they do move forward, are no longer robbed of possession and forced into

instant retreat. For Partick Thistle, too. a signing is a solution. In their astounding 5-2 win away to Heart of Midlothian on Saturday, two goals by Andy Lyons brought his total to four in three games since joining from Wigan Athletic for £30,000.

It has, by contrast, been the failure of Falkirk, whose manager, John Lambie, resigned last week, to interrupt the process of decline that makes it likely that they will now fill the single automatic relega-

The Scotland manager, Craig Brown, having seen Goram, McLaren, and McCall, of Rangers, Ferguson, of Everton, McKinlay, of Celtic, and Calderwood, of Tottenham Hotspur, withdraw through injury from the squad for the match against Australia at Hampden Park on Wednesday, has called up

O'Neil, the Celtic defender.

Bowyer shows new maturity

Stoke City1

By Kerth Pike

Cantona manages to keep both his balance and the

ball despite the weight of a challenge from Austin

LEE BOWYER trains with the England squad today, his future prosperity seemingly assured and his past indiscretions forgiven. It says much about his temperament that he has come so far, so fast when a year ago his career was in

it surely says more about the Endsleigh Insurance League first division, though, that Bowyer, 19, and regarded by some good judges as an outstanding prospect, was forced on Saturday to scurry and scuffle along with the rest. Indeed, this match was a microcosm of the season outside the Premiership: long on endeavour and commitment, short on inventiveness and basic skills. The standard of passing, in particular, was shocking. and this in a contest between,

supposedly, two of the hetter teams. None of which seemed to have done Bowyer any harm. A career put on temporary hold by an experiment with cannabis and a failed random drugs test last March has blossomed again, with The Valley attracting more scouts than a iamboree and just about every leading club linked with the spindly teenager. This was not the match in which to assess him, perhaps, but he obviously has the "good engine" demanded of the modern midfield player and an eye for goal. A new

maturity, too, it seems. "Lee will not go there with England thinking he has made it." Alan Curbishley, the Charlton manager, said. "He will go and watch

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every single thing that goes on, what the players do, how they eat, the way they train and conduct themselves. Others might just be glad to be there. Lee will look at it differently. He will learn and he will not be overawed."

Bowyer, sensibly, has declined to discuss his earlier error of judgment, although in the match programme he described "getting involved with the drugs scene" as his most embarrassing moment. "I don't want to talk about what happened a year ago." he said after

the match, "but it does go to show what a difference 12 months can make." He was surprised, delighted and nervous about his England adventure, and unperturbed about persistent transfer speculation. "I prefer to say what I want on the pitch," he said.

Bowyer talked loudest against Stoke City in second-half stoppage time, when a wonderfully conceived and executed pass to Newton on the right paved the way for David Whyte to hit the winner. It was tough on Stoke, who had dominated the first half and led through Sheron's header, only to be pegged back by a debatable penalty decision six minutes from the end. Clarkson was adjudged by a linesman to have handled and Mortimer converted the penalty.

Prudhoe, the Stoke goalkeeper, walked off beaten without having had to make a save, while Lou Macari, the Stoke manager, walked off wagging his finger at the officials. "It was an awful decision," he said. And an awful match.

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CHARLTON ATHLETIC (4-4-2) M Ammenn — S
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Errant Bullock under fire

Huddersfield Town Grimsby Town ...

By David Maddock

INCREASINGLY these days in the sanitised world of professional football, the participants make an art form of saying nothing. How refreshing, then, that Brian Horton, the Huddersfield Town manager. felt aggrieved enough to speak forcefully yesterday after his side had gone down to their third defeat in four games, when a draw would have seen them regain a play-off position in the Endsleigh Insurance League first division.

The focus of his ire was his own midfield player, Darren Bullock, who was sent off for two mindless, bookable offences.

Huddersfield had started nervously, Groves, the Grimsby Town captain, dictating play from midfield. But when Bullock was switched to counter this threat, a genuinely attractive and, at times, passionate contest developed.

Bullock then offered a passable imitation of a threshing machine and was first booked for an X-rated challenge on Croft and then dismissed a minute before the interval

for a foul on Groves that defied certification.

"I have no time for Bullock today. he has let everyone down, let down his own team-mates with an act of stupidity," Horton said. "He wasn't competing for us, it was the action of a novice and it has cost us dearly. He claims he won the ball for his second foul, but it was a stupid lunge, and I would have fined him for the first booking because it was absolutely diabolical.

After the interval, Grimsby were able to develop the space offered by opponents a man short and canter to victory. They had taken the lead with the home side still getting organised. Norman, given an opportunity in goal in place of Francis. offered a hostage to fortune by spilling a drive from Childs that was going wide anyway. Livingstone, not one to decline such gifts, tapped home after seven minutes.

After their little midfield reshuffle. Huddersfield began to show the form which got them into play-off territory in the first place. Thornley, on loan from Manchester United. and Ward, making his debut after a free transfer from Birmingham City, orchestrated some slick pass-

ing movements.

Thornley ended one such passage

with a theatrical dive after a tame challenge from McDermott and Jepson converted the penalty in the 41st minute. With both sides passing fluently and a bit of argy-bargy to

ock's second midemeanour changed Grimsby waited for Ward to fade before marching forward to seal the match within the space of two minutes. First, Childs played a neat one-two with Groves before sending a right-foot shot from 25 yards into the roof of the net. Groves then danced onto a pass from Southall to flick over the advancing Norman.

brighten things up as well, the second half offered promise. Bull-

Grimsby moved up four places after their victory and the breathing space it offers in the relegation struggle should, you would think, make Brian Laws, their manager, content. Not a bit of it. I should be saying I'm happy after that win, but the referee was very poor, very card-happy and could have changed the game," he said.

HUDDERSPIELD TOWN (4-4-2), A Norman — S Jenkins, L Samott, K Gray, T Cowen — D Bullock, M Ward (sub J Dyson, Börrin), I, Makel, B Thomley — R Edwards, R Jepson (sub' S Collins, 81). GRIMSBY TOWN (4-4-2) P Cricinon — McDermott, G Rodgers, R Smith, G Crolt — Southall, P Groves, C Shakespeare, G Childs —

Stewart and Rovers subdued

Chesterfield2 Bristol Rovers1

BY PAT GIBSON

MARCUS STEWART'S 27th goal of the season came too late to save Bristol Rovers from a defeat which dealt a severe blow to their chances of qualifying for the Endsleigh Insurance League second division play-offs. Yet it may have been just in time to bring about his own elevation to a nigher level in the next few

The transfer deadline is less than a week away and Rovers would be obliged to consider the right kind of offer for a player who will be out of contract at the end of the season anyway. They already have a written bid of £1 million from Birmingham City. West Ham United have offered less than that and Southampton are also believed to be

interested. The next two or three days could be quite interesting." John Ward, the Rovers manaj 7r. said. It is unlikely that we would get £2 million for a second division player, but I think we are entitled to expect more than El million for him." It was difficult to judge whether Stewart is worth that

much on a dank afternoon at Saltergate, which showed just how competitive the second division is. Rovers looked the better footballing side, but they were outfought by a Chesterfield team which got out of the third division through the play-offs last season, and is hell bent on another glory day Wembley.

In the circumstances, it was hard for Stewart to shine. It was only after 71 minutes that he had his first shot at goal. which Mercer saved, and another nine minutes had elapsed before he scored from close range after a corner.

"It was one of his quieter games." Ward said. "He is a good player, but there is more than you have seen today. Knowing him as I do, I felt he

was a little bit on his heels. "The runs and the work were done mostly by Beadle, and Marcus would normally feed off them a little bit better than he did. It's still not a good idea to take off a player of that calibre, so you leave him on and he scores a goal for you."

Unfortunately for Rovers, it was not enough. John Duncan, the Chesterfield manager. admits that they are having to scrap for everything they can get against teams which are far superior to those they were up against last season. But they are good at it, and they deserved to win the game with two goals in five minutes early in the second half.

Both of them were created by Hazel, playing wide on the right. First he beat two defenders to reach the byline and cut the ball back for Howard to score at the far post. Then he found room to put over a long cross which was flicked on by Robinson for Lormor to head

CHESTERFIELD (4-4-2): B Moroer — S Dyche, M Williams, N Law, M Jules — D Hazel, T Curlis, P Holland, J Howard (sub; J Narhett, 84min) — P Robinson (sub; D Moss, 96), A Lormor. NOSS, 99, A DAMON.

RESTOL. ROVERS (4-4-2): A Collett —
Channing, I Winght, B Clark, S Morgan —
Gumey (sub: J French, 86, M Browning,
Miller, W Sterling (sub: L Archer, 69) —
Seadle, M Staviori.

Ferdinand heads PFA poll

LES FERDINAND, the Newcastle United forward. was last night voted player of the year by fellow professionals. Ferdinand was presented with his PFA award at a special gala dinner in London. He topped the poll ahead

of last year's winner, Alan Shearer, of Blackburn Rovers. Third place went to another Newcastle player, their French international winger, David Ginola. Robbie Fowler, the Liver

pool forward, was voted

young player of the year for

the second successive occa-☐ Paul Ince was sent off for the first time since his move to Italy during Internazionale's 2-1 win at Udinese yesterday. The former Manchester United midfield player was dismissed on the stroke of half-

time for an off-the-ball

incident.

Gresley's voyage becalmed Gresley Rovers0

Macclesfield Town2

By WALTER GAMMIE

THE Moat Ground looked the perfect setting for a cup upset. There were 1,727 people jammed into its tight confines, 50 or so more perched on ladders, walls and shed roofs in the gardens alongside. The pitch dipped and rose in a

muddy green swell. Yet Macclesfield Town sailed past their Beazer Homes League opponents on Saturday and into the FA Umbro Trophy semi-finals. It was left to the UniBond League clubs, Hyde United, stunning 3-2 winners against Stevenage Borough, and Chorley, who beat Gateshead 3-1, to capsize Vauxhall Con-

ference clubs. Having shown they were ready for the physical challenge when Hulme followed Horseman, of Gresley, into the referee's book in an abrasive opening, Macclesfield were settled by a goal in the ninth minute. Coates played the ball square for Bradshaw, their left back, to curl the ball over Ford. By the 41st minute, when

Power raced in at the far post to put away a header after Sorvel's free kick from the left had brushed off the head of Evans, Macclesfield were in clear command.

Gresley threw on Allson, a gangling forward, at half-time to reinforce their attack. His nuisance value was considerable but Macclesfield defended diligently, denying Gresley space. A clear chance did not fall their way until the closing minutes when a fierce volley by Guyett was well blocked by Price.

No sooner had Guyett hung his head in disbelief, then he was doing so again at the other end. His trip on Hemmings, who had driven Gresley to distraction down the left, was punished with a penalty. Coates struck the kick well but Ford dropped low to his left to finish the match on a

high note. Paul Futcher, the Gresley manager, said: "I have no qualms about the result. I'm pleased we didn't cave in We've had a good cup run. made a bit of money and the players have had the experience of playing high-quality opposition. I hope they can learn from it."

The atmospheric Moat Ground, sadly, give or take further Derbyshire Senior Cup ventures, may have staged its last cup-tie. Gresley are hoping to complete work on a spacious new home at Bridge Street this summer. GRESLEY ROVERS (4-4-2) S Ford — R Wardle, P Wardle, S Evans. B Horseman — G Fowker (sub k Allsop, 46min), P Denby (sub: S Guyett, 78). A Marsden, G Castledine — J O'Relly, A Gerner. MACCLESPIELD TOWN (4-4:2) R Prico — C Edey, N Howerth, S Payne, M Bradshaw — S Wood, N Sorvel, k Hulme (sub: S Hulchespon, 81), A Hemmings — P Power, M Coasse.

eree: D Brysn. ☐ Clitheroe will meet Brigg Town in the FA Carlsberg Vase final at Wembley on May 12. A goal in extra time by

Gary Butcher brought Clitheroe a 2-0 win, and a 2-1 victory on aggregate, over Mangotsfield United in the semi-final, second leg on Saturday. Andy Flounders scored the only goal over two legs to give Brigg victory at Flixton.

tion place.



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Referee: J Winter.

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GOALSCORERS

Midland division: Bedworth 2 Buckingham Town 1, Bury Town 2 Softwill 0, Coptly 1 Reddird 2, Eversham 4 Granfham 0; Hinddey Town 2 Bindgmorth 0, Moor Green 1 Biston 1, Pager 6 Kings, Lynn 2 RC Warweld 0 Dudiey Town 0, Rothwell 3 Surton Coldficta 1 Southorge 0 Nuneaton 1, Tamatom 2 Cheester United 4 Southern division: Ashford 2 Clevedon 1: Braintee 2 Winney 1, Condented 0 Waterstowille 4, Fisher 93 2 Farcham 2. Fleet 0 Forest Green 3 Hasont 2 Trowbodge 0: Magata 2 Baschey 1 Newport IOW 3 Stengbourne 1, Poole 0 Townholder Ancets 1: Weston-super-More 1 Weymouth 1; Yate 4 Eräh and Belvedere 0 Premier division: 24 Van Hookijdoni (Ceite) 17 Dune (Rangers) 15 McCorst (Rangers) Wingh: Kilmamocki, Gascogne (Rangers) First division: 19 O'Boylo (St Johnstone) 18 Biowster (Dundee United), 17 Hamilion (Dundee) Second division: 31 McCormick (Sixing) 19 Annand (Clyde); McGleshen (Montrose) Third division: 22 Stewart (Calcy Trastic) 19 Young (Luvingston)



Coca-Cola Cup Final

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TODAY

SOUTHAMPTON V COVENTRY Southampton's central defender Richand Hall's fitness is in doubt and fullback Jason Dodd is ready to deputise in a game manager Dave Merrington believes Southampton must win in their bid to avoid relegation. Benali and Maddision return from injury with Neil Heaney also back in contention. Heaney has not played since early

January, but could be the wide man Southampton need to inspire the passing skills of Matthew Le Tissier. Coventry manager Ron Atkinson has skipper Kevin Richardson back from suspension and will drop Zimbaby

UNIBOND

Premier division: Accompton Stanley 2 Frickley 1, Bamber Bridge 4 Marine 4; Bishop Auckland 1 Boston 3, Blyth Sper-tans 3 Winsford 2; Colwyn Bay 2 Spernymoor 3; Gainsborough 2 Barrow 0; Quasaley 3 Droylsden 0; Knowsby 2 Witton

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Perdinand (Newcastle)	22	4	0	
Sheringham (Totlenham)	15	8	0	
Yorke (Aston Villa)	15	8	0	
Wright (Arsenal)	12	8	0	
Yeboeh (Leeds)	12	4	3	
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BULGARIAN CHALLENGE

THE strength of the Bulgarian coach, Dimitar Pener's squad, makes England's task all the more formidable at Wembley on Wednesday. Of the 18-man squad, 15 play their football overseas and they average more than 37 caps between them. However, age is not on the Bulgarians' side, the average player age is almost 29 and they are missing key defender Tsanko Tsvetanov (Waldorf Mannhelm), who would have contributed a further m), who would have contributed a further 33 caps of expenence.

Terry Venables, by contrast, has picked a 26-mar guad full of youth: 11 players are under 25, Robbit squad full of youth: 11 players are under 25, Robbit Fowler being the youngest, not yet 21. Their experience is also lacking with just 10 players in double figures for international appearances made, what provides the book to be a personal and the control of the contro what experience the home team has is soread among tive players (Stuart Pearce 62 caps, Mark Wright 43, Paul Gascoigne 35, David Platt 55 and Peter Beardaley 58 — total 253 matches in total).

THE SQUAD Borislav Mithallov (Reeding) Dimitar Popov (CSKA Sofia) Emili Kremenšev (Olympiako: Triton Ivanov (Rapid Vienna) Peter Hubchav (Hamburg) Gosho Guinchev (Deniz Ilian Kiryakov (Farnagusta) Radostin Kishishev (Bourgas) Yordan Lechkon

29 OVERSEAS

DUTCH LEAGUE: RKC Westwijk 3 Willem II Tiburg 2; FC Utrecht 0 Breda 4; FC Twente Erschede 1 Sparta Rorterdam 0; FC Volendam 1 Nemejen 0; FC Groningen 1 PSV Endhoven 0; Roda JC Nertrade 3 RENCH LEAGUE: Cannes 2 Gueugnon

GERMAN LEAGUE: Kertsruher SC 3 Ham-burger SV 1; 1880 Munich 1 Schalke 1; SC Freiburg 2 FC Cologne 0; FC Kalserslautern 0 Werder Bremen 0; Bayer Leverkusen 1 FC Bayem 2; Borussia Dortmund 6 Entracht Frankfurt 0; NFC Uerdingen 1 Fortuna Diagosaldurt 3

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ITALIAN LEAGUE Bad 2 Padova 1; Cremonese 2 Lazio 1; Fiorentina 0 Juventus 1; AC Milan 3 Parma 0; AS Roma 2 Piacenza 1; Samporia 2 Atalanta 3; Udinese 1 Inter Milan 2, Vicenza 3 Napoli 0.



Pavon, right, of Montpellier, battles to hold off the persistent challenge of Scifo, of Monaco, during their French league match which finished as a 0-0 draw

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Premier division: Bishop's Stortlord 1 Hayes 2. Carshalton 0 Boreham Wood 0. Chertsey 1 Harrow 6; Enfeld 2 St Albans 2 Hendon 4 Walton and Hersham 0; Hitchim 1 Grays 0; Kingstoman 1 Aylesbury 1: Purified 3 Dulwich 1; Sulton United 3 Worthing 1; Yeading 3 Bromley 0; Yeovil 3 Molasey 2.

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First division: Abrigdon Town 1 Thame 2; Aldorshot Town 3 Whytelcafe 0, Barlong 0 Urbindge 2; Basingstoke 2 Tooting and Micham 0; Chesham 0 Bognor Regis 1, Heybridge Swits 4 Berkhamsted 2; Leyton Pennant 4 Barlon 2; Plusilip Manor 2 Bilancar 2; Stanes 3 Marlow 1; Wembioy 0 Odord City 2; Wokingham 2 Madonhead United 1

Second division; Bedford Town 2 Croydon 0, Bracknell 3 Hampton 5, Cheshunt 1 Whenhoe 4: Dorlong 0 Satton Walden 3: Egham 3 Challoni SI Peter 1, Hernel Hompstead 3 Hungerford 0: Leathorhoad 2 Edgware 3, Metropoldan Police 2 Barrsland 1: Tibury 1 Witham 1, Ware 1 Canvey Island

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FATROPHY

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NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Blackpool Rovers 1 Burscough 0; Bootle 3 Eastwood Hanley 2; Darwen 2 Ponnth 3, Holker Old Boys 6 Narhweh 0, Mossiley 1 Prescot 1, Nowcastle Town 4 Kufsgrova 2, 3t Helens 1 Glossop North End 0, Salord 0 Chadderton 1; Skelmarsdale 1 Rossandale 2

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NON-LEAGUE AND NATIONAL LEAGUES HIGHLAND LEAGUE: Brora 1 Huntly 2; Buckle Thistie 4 Fort William 0; Fraserburgh 1 Eigin 1; Peterhead 3 Deveronvale 1; Rothes 1 Naim County 1; Wick Academy 2 Keith 1.

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Christopher Irvine on the French club

striving to hold its

own in Europe

The Charlety Stadium, a giant concrete saddle. sits astride the thirteenth and fourteenth arrondissements. In the Parc Montsouris, opposite, Lenin once strolled and took in the now decaying grandeur of a reproduction of the Bardo Palace in Tunis. Revolution is again in the air. Not that signs of it are instantly visible in this corner of southeast Paris.

it is here that rugby league's summer adventure, the European Super League, kicks off on Friday. Paris Saint-Ger-main (PSG), the arrivistes, tackle Sheffield Eagles. Imagine, for a moment, Normandy joining the county cricket championship. Students at the Cité Universitaire next door greet the mention of rugby à treize with a puzzled stare.

The European dimension to the Super League is provided by a club set up in nine months. It is a remarkable feat, but self-promotion is only just under way. An oppressed sport in France, which rugby union has always sought to undermine, is cranking itself up for an unexpected big push provided by the £87 million Super League windfall. What rugby union and football talk about but have not yet got, rugby league has — a European league, albeit of 11 English clubs and one French one.

For supporters who have been drenched by leaking roofs at generally ramshackle anglish grounds, Paris in the springtime will come as a plessed relief. Cafés on the of Wheldon Road, Castleford, on the list of pre-match water-

Club trips to France are booking fast. More important is what the French public make of it and whether the



Adams. Banquet and Lucchese hope to launch Paris Saint-Germain, and the Super League, in style at the Charlety Stadium on Friday

new team can avoid the one relegation place this season. The squad consists of virtually the entire France national

team, plus a sprinkling of antipodeans and South Sea islanders. It is a question of how competitive the side can be in proven company. Just as he is under no illusion about the size of the task, Tas Baitieri, the club's streetwise general manager, believes that without Super League the game in France was doomed.

"It would have contracted to the point of village football." he said. "Traditional towns would have continued playing at a very poor standard. Suddenly, the game is regenerated, remotivated. If we don't grab this lifeline, rugby league will slip into oblivion." Raitieri is an Australian-

Italian who fell in love with France when he arrived years ago. He played in the winter for Chatillon, and for Penrith and Canterbury back in Australia in the summers, before settling in the country for a life of missionary work with the Fédération de Rugby

à XIII until the advent of Super League.
The initial aim was to have

two sides in France. Although at the heart of rugby league's southern base, Toulouse was quickly rejected. All efforts were directed into Paris, which was seen as having the profile to project the sport more fully. It is eight years since rugby league had television exposure in France, but Canal Plus, the satellite channel, has made a



Baitieri: optimistic

broadcast PSG matches, Even a traditionally apathetic press is taking note.

In a fashion-conscious city, the PSG label is an important mark of credibility and respectability. Rugby league joins baskethall, handball, volleyball, athletics, boxing, judo and, most significant, football in the PSG omni-sports organisation. When introduced to the PSG home crowd at the European Cup Winners' Cup football match with Parma

last Thursday, the rugby league team got some curious looks but also an enthusiastic reception, which is likely to be repeated on Friday night. A crowd of 15,000 is expected at the Charlety Stadium. Having to fly players from Toulouse for games is a drawback, "Long-term, we are looking to relocate everyone here. but our first priority must be to

stay in Super League by avoiding the dreaded twelfth spor," Baitieri said. "If we can do that, we'll have been successful. With our international players and the overseas contingent, we'll be competitive."

Darren Adams is a secondopposition, which row forward from New Zeameans we'll improve, and land with a rugby union pedigree at Racing Club. As a convert to league, he is someplayers like myself, Freddie Banquet and Patrick Entat.

thing of a rarity in France. "In

league I'm handling the ball

more, doing more, whereas

union in France is following

the robot model in England,

Adams said. "It's a bit like

going to church and finding

'He' doesn't exist. I know a

number of union players who

Not that a flood of converts

expected. PSG is the first

fully professional league club

in France, but payments are

no more than at a first division

union club. For Laurent

Lucchese, the full back, Paris

represents a homecoming

after three years at Hudders-

field and Sheffield. "If you

wanted to progress in league

feel the same way."

bring with us the principles of English discipline." In Carcassonne, Villeneuve, Lézignan and St Estève, where rugby league is part of local life, there is jealousy and suspicion that the capital has been chosen for the Super eague club.

with English club experience,

The towns in the south think they've been let down," Baitieri said. "But they realise, too, that rugby league needs to rationalise, be in big cities like Paris, where you've a support base, media exposure and sponsors. The games will be seen there on TV and we're taking the Wigan game down there on July 20." The acid tests, however, will come at . Si Heiens, Warning Lucchese said. "Now it is and Bradford, all in the next different. We'll be meeting far two months.

Bradford ahead of schedule as Smith builds bright future

By Christopher Irvine

ON ARRIVAL at Bradford Bulls from Sydney St George seven months ago, Brian Smith felt like an Oxford University lecturer turned kindergarten teacher. His pupils are learning fast, but even their Australian coach doubted that they would graduate quite so quickly to a Silk Cut Challenge Cup final after 23 years of trying in vain.

Smith might have despaired on the bleak night, four months ago, when 13 Bradford players failed to beat 11 from St Helens, their opponents at Wembley on April 27. "Nothing makes you learn more than a real embarrassment, and that was right up there at the top," Smith said.

Of course there have been at Odsal since then and, though not yet the finished article, the brazenly confident semi-final victory at Huddersfield on Saturday exposed the limitations in the Leeds makeup and underlined the potential at Smith's disposal.

No club has embraced the idea of Super League with such alacrity as Bradford, or built up its playing resources so assiduously. Smith's was the key appointment and everything else looks to be falling into place. This team can significantly improve, if they keep reacting to me and I keep my shoulder at the wheel," Smith said.

Bradford were rugby league dinosaurs not so very long ago, a role that their neighbours are now in danger of fulfilling. Too many fine players have left Headingley and not been replaced. Dean Bell, the Leeds coach, was candid in his admission that he has had enough of knocking on the boardroom door, and that the ten per cent of players he is ready to dispense with are lucky to have stayed this long.

Leeds, for book-balancing nurposes, needed to reach Wembley for a third year. But enerally inexperienced pack was soundly beaten by a streetwise Bradford six, and

whipped up to take a 16-0 lead inside the first 12 minutes.

Apart from a Cummins try lacked the inspiration and direction that Robbie Paul, the 20-year-old captain and scrum half, provided so tellingly for Bradford. "We are disappointed but we haven't got time to sulk about it." Bell said. "We didn't perform to our potential, but next week the start of Super League is a bigger challenge.

The most glorious sight of the compelling encounter on Saturday was of Paul Loughlin, the former Great Britain back, in full flight. Donougher and Loughlin thundered down the left with devastating effect, furnishing Jonathan Scales with three tries. Calland, looking hungry after a three-month suspension, and Knox got the others side with four goals.

Loughlin helped to mete out Bradford's salutary lesson last November while wearing a St Helens shirt.

Two weeks later, he. Nickle

Dwyer departed weights in the deal for Paul Newlove. There will be points to prove on both sides at

Wembley next month. Having confounded the theory on Saturday that Bradford Bulls are no more than a head-down and charge outfit, Smith's biggest problem is now one of selection. He has Tomlinson and Lowes available at scrum half and hooker for five Super League games before the final, for

SCORERS: Bradford: Tries: Scales (I) Callend, Knox. Goals: Copi. (4) Leeds: Try: Currorians Goal: Historyd BRADFORD BULLS: P Cook (sub.) D Longo, 68mm), G Christe M Calland F Loughtin, J Scales, G Bradley, R Paul, 8 McDermott, J Donohue, K Fairbank, Kub LEEDS: A Gabbons (sub- M Golden, 29) J. Fallon, K. Iro, F. Cummins, P. Hassam, G. Mann. (sub. Gabbons, 72), G. Holloyd, N. Field (sub-M Schultz, 27) M Forsham (sub-Field, 51)

• HEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

Alan Truscott (the bridge columnist of the New York Times) and Ken Barbour were once British internationals, but have both lived in the US for many years. They found an elegant defence on this hand, from the US nationals at Atlanta in November. East-West game

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Truscott led the king of hearts against Five Clubs, and declarer decided to follow the simple line of ruffing a heart at once, coming back to the king of spades, and ruffing a second heart. Now he led dummy's last club; Barbour rose with the ace of clubs, but resisted the temptation to give his partner a spade ruff. Instead he led a diamond, to the jack, queen, and ace. To declarer's intense irritation the lead was in dummy, and no matter which plain suit he exited with one defender would ruff, and give his

partner a ruff in the other suit. for one down. Notice that if East immediately gives West a spade ruff on winning the ace of clubs.

declarer can later enter his hand with a spade ruff to draw East's remaining trump.

☐ The annual match between the Houses of Lords and Commons was played last Friday. This resulted in a win by the Lords of 760 aggregate points, taking their lead in the series to 12-10. The best played hand award went to Bridget Prentice of the Commons.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

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PUSILLANIMITY a. The wild pea flower b. Faint-heartedness c. Intestine hatred

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BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Flying start The Bulgarian Grandmaster, Veselin Topalov, has made a brilliant start in the Euwe Memorial tournament in Amsterdam. He has beaten PCA World Champion, Garry Kasparov, and his challenger. Viswanathan Anand, in the first two rounds. The tournament is one of the strongest to be held this year. White: Veselin Topalov

Black: Garry Kasparov Amsterdam, March 1996

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Diagram of final position

Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. The positions this week and for some time to come will celebrate the turbulent genius of Alexander Alekhine who died 50 years ago this month. This position is from the game Alekhine -Moller, Zurich 1934. White has penetrated the black position by tripling his major pieces on the ffile. How does he now complete the invasion to score a quick win?

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By RICHARD EVANS, RACING JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

ROUGH QUEST looks certain to run in the Martell Grand National on Saturday after delighting his trainer, Terry Casey, in a weekend

workout. The participation of the Cheltenham Gold Cup runner-up had been in doubt, with Casey and Andrew Wates, the ten-year-old's owner, considering going instead for the Martell Cup Chase at Aintree on Thursday.

Rough Quest has been left in both races at the five-day stage but Casey said yesterday: "He's virtually certain to for the National He worked very well on Saturday and is a well-handicapped horse. He's in excellent form."

There is a question mark over the ability of Rough Quest to see out the demanding 42-mile stamina test, but Casey reasoned: "It's a flat track and he travels very well throughout a race. They really only race over the last half

mile so I would be hopeful." Significantly, he added: "I didn't think he was spot on before Cheltenham: he didn't work very well the Sunday before the Gold Cup and I was not entirely happy with him. I thought he ran a little bit flat and he worked much better on Saturday. I rode him over a mile against Flight Lieutenant and he pleased me."

Meanwhile, Miinnehoma, winner of the race two years ago, is not certain to line up on Saturday. His trainer, Martin

Pipe, is weighing up alternatives for the 13-year-old.

"He is entered in another race at Aintree and we will wait and see whether he runs," Pipe said. "He is very well and he may go for the National or he might wait for the Scottish National at Avr."

Pipe is still set to have at least three runners in the race. "Chatam, Encore Un Peu and Riverside Boy are all likely to run," he said.

Ground considerations also mean that Jenny Pitman is delaying a decision on Lusty Light's participation. She is also considering Thursday's Martell Cup for the gelding.

Pitman ran six horses in the National last year when Royal Athlete gave her a second victory in the race. But she may rely on Superior Finish. for whom Richard Dunwoody was booked yesterday.

Simon Earle was yesterday hopeful that Dextra Dove will recover from injury in time to run at Aintree. "He worked yesterday and I was happy with him," the trainer said. Tony Dobbin is likely to miss the ride on Tartan Tyrant

after dislocating a shoulder at Kelso on Friday. Paul Carberry stands by to deputise. Coral's latest betting: 4-1 Rough Quest, 6-1 Lo Stregone (from 7-1). 10-1 Superior Finish from 14-1). Deep Bramble. Son Of War, Young Hustler, 14-1 Life Of A Lord, 16-1 bar.

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Dubai lays ground for clash of champions

Julian Muscat finds the top thoroughbreds returning to the home

of founding ancestors

t has finally come back to where it all started. More than 250 years after three Arabian stallions were plucked from the desert to establish the thoroughbred racehorse, the best of their distant ancestors have gathered in Dubai for the inaugural US\$4 million Dubai World Cup.

A community founded on a fusion of cultures has contrived an event of magnificent proportions. Never before have national champions from the United States, Australia, Europe and Japan competed for the right to be feted as the finest of all.

Previous efforts have stumbled; now this evolving emirate reaches out for what established racing nations believed was possible only through the medium of a Walt Disney fantasy. It is Packer without the circus. To decry what will unfold at Nad Al Sheba racecourse on Wednesday would be to indulge in a deep-rooted cynicism.

Bill Mott is not among the ideological objectors and his view matters more than most. For Mott, among the cream of American horsemen, has ventured to the desert with Cigar, the unofficial world champion, whose reputation will stain more in defeat than it will gain in victory. Cigar brings with him an aura of invincibility and instant credibility to a contest with the boldest of names. Without his



Cigar flexes his muscles during early-morning exercise at the Nad Al Sheba racecourse yesterday

pomp, this would be just another valuable horse race. There are several fronts on which Mott might have gra-

ciously excused himself. Cigar's training has been interrupted by injury. the racing surface will be unfamiliar and the effects of lengthy travel unknown. But Mott spoke yesterday not of complications but competition. "We brought the horse here because of the size of the challenge," he said. "We want

to see if he can be a world competitor. His preparation has not been ideal, but we still believe he can come through. We wouldn't be here

otherwise." Amid the weight of petrodollars at stake, some have doubted the sincerity of Mott's remarks. Mott is the principal American trainer employed by Sheikh Mo-hammed Bin Rashid Al-Maktourn, the crown prince of Dubai and inspiration

behind the World Cup. Detractors argue that these links may have influenced Mott's decision to support the race.

However, such thinking is exposed by the presence here of Geoff Wragg, who saddles Pentire, one of two British representatives. As Sheikh Mohammed continues to scale down his bloodstock empire, Wragg is among those to have lost his backing. Yet Wragg, too, is "support-ing" the event. And as Michael Osborne, chairman of the Dubai World Cup Committee, put it: "Wherever Pentire finishes in the race itself, the horse will go back to England with all the benefits of having

spent a month in Dubai." Osborne has played a pivotal role since the World Cup concept was explored seven months ago. He is infused both by excitement and the strain of bringing it to fruition in so short a time. But time is a luxury to anyone responsible for the evolution of this extraordinary city. Within its infrastructure, the skyline changes daily and four-lane highways lead only to arid sand dunes.

Projects in the name of racing are also subject to regular change. Zabeel Stables were built as a monument four years ago by Sheikh Mohammed, who installed Satish Seemar as his private trainer. It remains a palatial facility, if one subsequently stripped of purpose by the sheikh's enthusiasm for his Godolphin operation. five miles away.

7 ith four runners among the ll-strong World Cup field, Godolphin will be defending local pride. The stable has reached high altitudes over last 12 months but this may be one instance when the sheikh would prefer to be grounded. Nothing could jeopardise the event's future more than a weep of the first three places by Godolphin's horses.

It is imperative that Cigar does himself full justice on the Dubaian dirt. If cloudbursts of heavy rain have exacerbated concerns that Cigar may labour on this testing surface, the consensus remains that Cigar's class

will see him through. One man within Godolphin's team will have it no other way. Tom Albertrani, recently recruited to Dubai from Mott's stable, was taken aside by Simon Crisford, Godolphin's manager, and asked how they could plot Cigar's defeal

Albertrani's response was emphatic. "There is only one way to beat Cigar. Close your eyes and keep dreaming.

FOLKESTONE

3.20 Ciserano

1.50 Face It

3.50 Wet Patch 2.20 Lloc 4.20 Orthorhombus 4.50 KISSING GATE (nap)

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.20 SEA SPOUSE. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.50 Jennetle. 3.20 BASOOD (nap).

4.20 Battleship Bruce. GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

1.50 HEADCORN MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-0 Filies: £2,381: 5f) (11 numers)

101	(2)	SYLVANIA LIGHTS (Camelol Racing) W Mair 8-3	
102	(4)	MOLLY MUSIC (P Ason) G Margarson 8-1 M Baird (5)	
103	(1)	MUJADIL EXPRESS (Mrs V Goodman) J Moore 8-0 J F Egan	
104	(7) .	SWIFT REFUSAL (Wheatmille Partners) M Hayees 8-0	
105	(3)	CAVIAR AND CAMDY (A MacGillway) D Cosgrove 7-13 F Lynch (5)	
106	(8)	DOZEN ROSES (Mrs. A Brown) T. Jones 7-13	
107	(9)	JENNELLE (Mrs. J. Correcell) C Duryer 7-13 J Quirm	
106	(5)	SUBBACER RESOTTO (Hargood Ltd) D Brench Davis 7-13 C Adamson (5)	
109	(10)	ANATOMIC (M Foy) M Channon 7-12	
116	(6)	BURBERRY CLUEST (S Hom) B Millman 7-12 J Familing	
111	(11)	FACE IT (Facetious Partners) W G M Turner 7-12 A Daily (5)	
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2.20 ROCHESTER HANDICAP (£3,343: 5f) (16 runners)

Ournicksty, 5-1 Foliammeghis, 7-1 Thai Morrang, 8-1 Leigh Croiter, La Belle Commique, 10-1995: MORDICO PRINCESS 4-9-12 A Cochiane (6-4 tay) G Oldroyd 8 rad

FORM FOCUS

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JUMP LEADERS TRAINERS **JOCKEYS**

broards in latest race). Soing on which horse has won (f — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S = solt, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Fariner. Age and weight. Ridde place any altowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.20 ALDINGTON RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES

(3-Y-	0: £2	2,381: 6	f 189yd) (9 runners)
401	(4)	06080-	GET TOUGH 140 (Gray Boys Paging) S Dow 9-0 A Daly (5) 82
402	(3)		NORY'S GRAB HIRE 213 (D hory) K hory 9-0 C Seatly (7) .76
413	(2)	.0050-	LONGITUL BOY 187 (Vintege Services Ltd) B Meetan 9-0 Nr Tebber 74
404	(1)	64D-	MAKHAL 154 (Fort Partners) D Murray Smith 9-0
405	(8)	300-	8ASOOD 157 (M Al Maldoem) E Duniop 8-11
40 6	(6)	2344-	CSSETANIO 253 (K Dack) M Chamson 8-11
407	(9)	646-234	GREEN GEN 23 (P Madeleta) S Williams 8-11 K Darley 94
406	ίń	363-	MAY QUEEN MEGAN 140 (S Harrison) Mrs A King 8-11
409	(5)	0-00	VALJESS 31 (Mrs R Blake) D O'Brien 8-11 'G Bardwell -
BESTON Officers.	G: 3-1	Ciserano,	7-2 Second, 4-7 Maktel, 6-1 Green Gern, 7-1 Longhill Boy, May Queen Megan, 8-1
			1995: DOUBLE RUSH 9-0 J Raid (100-30) T Mills 7 rae

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3.50 ALKHAM HANDICAP (£3,398: 1m 1f 149yd) (15 runners) BETTRINE: 9-2 Pictol. 5-1 Explosive Power. 8-1 Todd, 10-1 Kelabi, Swinglag Sodies, Our Torn. 12-1 others 1995: CUEENS STROULER 4-8-13 D Harrison (7-1) C Essey 14 can

FORM FOCUS

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4.20 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (£3,289: 6f 189yd) (16 runners) ## LEVY BOARD HANDHCAP (E3,289: 6f 189yd) (16 runners)

601 (12 4005-60 REVERAND THICKNESS 23 (B,D,G,S) S Williams 5-10-0 R Hughes 94

602 (15) 040025- BATTLESHY BRUCE END (E.S) (I Forman IN Callaptan 49-8 J Ruid 95

603 (16) 050-145 SONORING 25 (D,F,G) P Samontest P Burgyne 6-9-6 D R INCLODE (3) 97

604 (4) 05040- ZATOPEK 158 (A Saspo) J Californ 49-5 T Dunes 95

605 (13) 600000- ORTHORHOMBUS 224 (B,CD,F,G) D Congrese 7-8-13 M Wighams 96

606 (3) 55040-5 HALLARD 34 (6) (Red 148 Parters) T Jones 5-8-13 A INCOMPRES

607 (14) 54300- SECRET PLEASURE 156 (Ass S S-Philips) R Hannes 3-0-12 Date O'Hell (5) 90

608 (9) 510005- ALMAPA 225 (D,G) (P Stade) R Hodges 4-8-0 S Drownin (3) 92

809 (5) 50-0505 ROCKY TWO 11 (5) (B Bennett) P Howing 5-8-8 R Cochrane 87

610 (11) 4-05006 SPEEDY SUAPS PROCE 23 (P Candell P Dundell 4-8-2 J Colors 96

611 (2) 3-53133 S64 SPOUSE 10 (G) (Seven Sors Rocogn M Bitachard 5-7-13 M Admits 36

612 (6) 004004- PRIDE OF KASHARI 140 (New Recrust) P Harts 3-7-13 F Horton 89

613 (1) 0000- GEF GEE TEE 140 (J Tincken) J Mehrust 3-7-12 Date Glibson 87

614 (7) 000- SMPP N 'SHAPO'Y 156 (M Mattick C Wals 3-7-11 M W Lord 89

615 (8) 0,00-330 PALACEGATE GOLD 11 (B,C,F,G,S) (R Hodges) R Hodges 7-7-10 N Carlisto 82

610 (10) 0,00000- TITANEIM HORDA 195 (D,G) (Mrs V Cocketo) D O'Bries 5-7-10 G Bardwell 87

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BETTRIC: 9-2 Battleship Bruce, 5-1 Secret Pleasure, 5-1 Scallang, 8-1 Prode Oi Kashmir, 10-1 Ri Thickness, Size Spouse 12-1 others 1995: ORTHORHOMBUS 6-9-4 M Risoner (20-1) D Cospore 16 ran FORM FOCUS

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1 (6) 300-121 NISTIA'S STAR 23 (9.6) (Nikuta's Pariners) D Marray Smith 9-7 J Webver 95

2 (19) 0-41216 MONTECRISTO 23 (9.6) (Mistrevs Record) R Guesi 9-5 F Lynck (5) 90

3 (17) 50-0130 ASSING FOR RINGSS (2) (Mistrevs Record) R Guesi 9-5 F Lynck (5) 90

4 (16) 060- AMP THE LIGHTS 15! (R Converty S Woods 9-2 W Woods 9-5 (15) 040- MINRISAM 15! (R Converty S Woods 9-2 W Woods 9-5 (15) 040- MINRISAM 15! (R Converty S Woods 9-1 T Collect 84

6 (2) 000-6 RIVERCAPE 10 (P Sonor) M Polytace 8-11 M Henry (5) 9-7 (12) 5-41-0 (SSSING GATE 76 kit) (The Duero) R Charlton 8-10 S Sanders 90

8 (8) 5020-0 ALMOTICABRE 23 (8) (8 Adams) R Hannos 8-9 J Reid (8) 9-14 300- ATLANTIC INST 117 (Viacdow Parlners) B Midmas 8-6 S (Downer (1)) 88

10 (11) 6000-0 REFLIENCE PEQUER 28 (C ROTAIN C Britism 8-5 K Diray 90

11 (13) 443 HIGHLIGHTS 40 (Bloomshury Stud) D Munis 8-4 R Cockrane 90

12 (11) 000-5 SEGE PERIL (15 17 5 6 Democrate) S Wilkinss 8-1 J F Egen 90

13 (9) 000-5 SEGE PERIL (15 17 5 6 Democrate) S Wilkinss 8-1 J F Egen 95

14 (3) 00500- FORLIANDO 180 (N & M Pilo & Sons) M Sandors 7-12 F Rotton 95

16 (14) 6-80 MANTEC SONG 25 (8) (Invisit Boodsbuck) M Haynes 7-10 M Baint (5) 83

17 (5) 000-004 TARTIAN EUPRESS 25 (Mrs E Mick) B Paster 7-10 G Bachwell 91

Long Randiczur Hadadzbie 7-9, Nalive Song 7-4 Tartan Eupress 6-13 Long handicae: Hadadable 7-9, Habre Song 7-1, Tarten Express 8-13

BETTING: 7-2 Mints: Star, 9-2 Highlights, 6-1 Montecristo, 8-1 Aslang For Kings, Minusson, 12-1 Jamp The Lights, Nasang Gale 14-1 colors: 1995; IRON N GOLD 7-10 F Norton (25-1) 5 Daw 11 ran FORM FOCUS

NINCTA'S STAR beal Thomson Estate 31 in 7-furner incidicap at Wolventampton (AW, 1m 40) with MONTECRISTO (9th better 60) 191 Git. MONTECRISTO beat Lord Elangovian 51 in 4-rumor appreniones claiming race at Lingded (AW, 1m 40) with TARTAN EDPRESS (11b better 60) 351 45t. ASKONG POR KONGS 2941 3rd of 16 to Megaron in continons race at Carpes-Sur-Mer (1m

POKO TO POINT HESILIS

BRAMHAM MOOR (Wetherby): Members: 1, Cot Lane (R Walmsley, 5-4). Rest (Div I): 1. Stag Fight (S Walver. 2-1 lav). Hest (Div II): 1, Latheron (S Swiers, 5-4 tay). Ladles: 1, Workingtopeerius (Mass S Jackson, Evens Iay). Open: 1, Man's Best Friend (R Ford, 4-6 tay). Infar: 1, Quayside Cottage (N Wilson, 10-1). Open Mdn (Div I): 1, Highland Friend (A Rebort, 5-2 j-flay). Open Mdn (Div II): 1, Wolvercastle (S Charlton, 5-2). Open Mdn (Div III): 1, Nutcase (T Stephenson, 2-1 lay).

CURRE (Howick): Members: 1, Gee Double You (B Tulioth, 11-9 fav), Flast (DV I): 1, Miss Isla (Miss C Thomas, 8-1). Heast (DV II): 1, Oscools (P Williams, 4-1). Confined: 1, Sun Of Chance (P Williams,

Bleu (J Julies, 6-1).

DUKE OF BUCCLEUCH'S (Friars Haugh): Rest 1, Jigtime (M Bractourne, 10-1). PPOA: 1. Worthy Spark (P Craggs, 4-6 lav). Confinect 1, Saylin Nowt (A Parles, Evens lav). Lacties: 1, Russing Burn (Miss N Snowden, 9-2). Open: 1, Howayman (A Parles, 5-2), Midn (Div I): 1, Staneshiel (Miss D Calder, 8-1). Members: 1, Beau-Sun (Mrs P Marjoribants, 6-1).

banks, 6-1).

EASTON HARRIERS (Higham): Members: 1, Gison's Cove (Miss L Powe, 1-3 iav). Open Mdn (Div I): 1, Miss Cresta (S Monts, 4-1). Open Mdn (Div II): 1, Tomorrow's Times (B Policok, 8-1), Open: 1, Lables: 1, Wistino (Miss L Rowe, 6-1). Inter: 1, Lardem Pilus (Michael, 4-1). Confined: 1, On The Beer (S Sporborg, 7-4 iav).

IAMERTON (Gibonnibe): Members: 1

spororg, 7-4 lav).

LAMERTON (Kilworthy): Members: 1, Walvers Point (A Farrant, 1-4 lav). Ladles: 1, Krettal (Milss J Curnings, 3-1). Confined: 1, Stormy Surset (D Dennis, 7-2). Opens: 1, Nearly Splendid (L Jefford, 8-1). Rest: 1, Tasmin Tyrant (L Jefford, 6-1). Irder: 1, Kalcone (P Scholiteid, 4-6 fav). Midn (Dw 1). 1, Our Teddes (G Periold, 5-2 lav). Midn (Dw 1). 1. Capstown Bay (P Scholifield, Evens tav). SOUTH-L WOLD (Market Respo). Mign.

Capsown Bay (*) Schonlein, Even's av).

SOUTH WOLD (Market Rasen). Mombers: 1, Hawaiian Goddess (Miss H Fines, 7-1). Confined: 1, Carly Brrin (N Kent, 7-2). Ladies: 1, Cruising On (Miss E Guest, 5-2 (Fear) Open: 1, Golden Moss (Capl S Robinson, 7-2) Flest 1, Cass (P Ficton-Warlow, 6-1). Midn: 1, Fuff Song (N Jelley, 5-4 Tay). (N Jelley, 5-4 tay).

VALE OF THE WHITE HORSE
(Siddington). Members: 1, Telda (Miss D
Olding, 8-1). Confined: 1, Grannite Grill
(J Deutsch, 4-5 fav). Open: 1, My Best
Man (A Hill, 8-1) Ladies: 1, Sperin View
(Miss K Sunderland, 9-4). Rest (Div): 1,
Copper Bernit (F Husby, 12-1). Meln: 1, My
Boy Berney (A Wintle, 6-4 fav).

MISSTON & BABNET I (Controlletone):

Boy Barney (A Wintle, 6-4 fav).
WESTON 8. BANWELL (Cothelstone):
Members: 1, Chia's Cone (R Treloggen,
2-9 fav). Open Midn (Div I). 1, Churchtown
Chance (R Treloggen, 4-7 lav). Open
Midn (Div II): 1, lee Caffed Time (T Greed,
5-4 II-fav). Confined: 1, The Pediar (T
Grood, 6-4). Open: 1, Sayyure (R
Treloggen). Ladles: 1, Killelan Lad (Miss
K Di Marte, 6-4 II-fav). Rest: 1, Hensue (R
Treloggen, 12-1).

Treloggen, 12-1).
WiLTON: (Badbury Rings): Members: 1, Spiffire Jubilee (M Felton, 4-8 fav). Open: Mich (Div I): 1, Vital Logacy (Milss A Goschen, 20-1). Open: Mich (Div I): 1, Final Express (M Hostins, 5-1). Open: 1, Vital Song (G Matthews, 4-5 fav). Ladiest. 1, Spacial (Milss M Hill, 7-2). Rest: 1, Thegoose (P King, 5-1). Inter: 1, Panda Shandy (Milss A Goschen, 5-4). Open: Midn (Div III): 1, Langton Parmili (P Shaw, 9-2).

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: MEAD COURT (4.10 Fontwell Park) **NB: Reverand Thickness**

SPECIALISTS POLICESTONE: Trainers: S Williams, 3 winners from 10 runners, 30.0%; J Dundop, 12 from 42, 28.6%; J Pearson, 12 from 45, 67%; J Pearson, 12 from 45, 67%; J Carley, 4 winners kom 14 rides, 26.6%, M Rimmer, 7 from 26, 26.9%; J Tate, 6 from 27, 22.2%. HEOHAM: Trainers: S Kottlewell, 4 winners from 10 numers, 40 0%; A Whittans, 4 kom 11, 38 4%; L Lungo, 17 from 58, 29 3%; P Montesti, 14 from 48, 29 2%; Jockeys: N Leach, 3 from 11, 27 3%; T Reed, 25 from 97, 25 8%; P Niven, 20 from 80, 25,0%; L Marc C from 27, 18 60; **EUNINE PARK**

2.10 Bolivar. 2.40 Silverfort Lad. 3.10 Cool Runner 3.40 Fools Errand. 4.10 Melnik. 4.40 Royal Raven. GOING: GOOD TO SOFT, SOFT IN PLACES

2.10 CLIMPING JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,406: 2m 2f) (10 runners) 1 5241 80LIVAR 19 (S) R Aleboral 1 4-S Bohner, 5-1 Fasmer's Tenn, 6-1 Royal Rabbil, 8-1 Snowy Petrel, 10-1 Malasmous, 14-1 Silver Bird, 16-1 others.

2.40 ARUNDEL HANDICAP CHASE 13,043. Sell 27 1103-01 (27) 1 1410 SELVERFORT LAO 12 (B,CD,E,S) 7 Casey 7-12-0 M A Filogerald 90

2 4PPP JURASSIC CLASSIC 28 (CD,5) Min L Richards 9-11-6
3 4304 RAMBOW CASTLE 20 (C,6) J Gittert 9-11-3 P Hide 85
4 3002 REAND 21 (D,5) P Hobbs 7-10-11 AP McCop 95
5 0522 ANDROS FRANCE 6 (G,5) Mits A Embrison 11-10-10 J Ryan 6
140P K C'S DANGER 25 (CD,F,5) R Octan 11-10-3 Mr R Tournton (7)
88
7 0SPP MASTER COMEDY 35 (B,CD,F,5) Miss L Bower 12-10-0 L Harvey 77 5-2 Säveriori Lad, 7-2 Andrus Prince, Rahrbow Castle, 4-1 Kesno, 10-1 Jurassic Classic, 14-1 K C's Dancer, 16-1 Massier Comedy.

3.10 PAGHAM NOVICES HURDLE (£2,490: 2m 61) (9)

4-5 Cool Runner, 4-1 General Pungo, 10-1 Spring Grass, One More Man, 12-1 Cumberland Youth, Macramara, 14-1 offices.

HEXHAM THUNDERER 2.00 Bassenhally. 2.30 True Scot. 3.00 Go Silly. 3.30 Environmental Law. 4.00 Aljadeer. 4.30 Sansool. 5.00 Circus Line.

2.00 WARDEN NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Div 1: £2,140: 2m) (11 runners) 2-1 Basseshally, 5-2 Generator, 3-1 Ult Hygiese, 5-1 The Skitcher, 12-1 olbers.

2.30 ELRINGTON NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,826: 2m 4i 110yd) (18)

3.00 ANICK AMATEUR RIDERS SELLING HANDICAP CHASE (£2,658: 3m 11) (20)

5-1 Marin Sear, 6-1 Quesal Crossell, Sand King, 7-1 Go Sifty, 8-1 others

3.40 BOGNOR REGIS NOVICES CHASE

4.10 CHICHESTER HANDICAP HURDLE

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8. 6010 NG-MOLAS PLANT 8 (CD,S.) J Colder 7-10-2 G Calif (5)
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5.00 WARDEN NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £2,119: 2m) (11)

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By Sydney Friskin

THE England men's hockey team produced a performance worthy of the occasion at Milton Keynes yesterday as the new National Stadium was officially opened. Ultimately, however, they lost 4-3 to India after a dramatic

India, who scored three goals in the first half, were later swept aside by an England tidal wave as the home side surged forward in concerted action inspired by the centre half. Kalbir Takhir. who received the man-of-thematch award.

Before the interval, India were a dynamic side. They played with such verve that England could do little in reply, despite making a promising start themselves. Giles was not even permitted a shot from their first short corner.

India suddenly struck with telling force with a goal in the eighth minute by the outside right, Mukesh Kumar, on the rebound after Luckes had saved from the centre forward. Dajnraj Pillay. England fell further behind in the 21st minute when the unmarked

easily outwitted Luckes. Within a minute Pillay forced the ball over the line from a scramble and England's position seemed irretrievable.

The picture changed dramatically after the resumption. The pressure was at the India end, with the visitors defence tending to panic under pressure. Shaw, making his hundredth appearance for England, began to make in-roads into Indian territory.

The England attack began to cover ground at high speed and in the 42nd minute the lead was reduced by Mayer, a substitute forward, who scored near the far post after Takher had played the ball in from the left.

England redoubled their effort and earned a penalty stroke when Pearn was obstructed by the full back, Aldrin, in the 53rd minute. Nick Thompson converted and England were back in the match. Four minutes later Mayer and Thompson combined well to set up a chance from which Sharpe levelled the score.

With nine minutes left, how-

open space, flicked the ball to Mukesh Kumar who scored brilliantly in the corner of the net. India's position was still by no means secure and they were visibly relieved when the

In fact, the Indian goal had a narrow escape three minutes before the hooter was sounded. The centre by Sharpe from the left found its way to Mayer on the right of positioning himself for a shot he was dispossessed by the India left-half, Ramandeep

David Whittle, the Erigland manager, was not dismayed. We had some young contend-ers for places in the Olympic squad and we learned a lot,"



Wood, left, Logan and Adrain, right, celebrate Scotland's triples gold medal

Wood drives Scots to triples triumph

FROM DAYID RHYS JONES IN ADELAIDE

FIFTY-SEVEN was a good age to be at the Lockleys Bowls Centre here vesterday, when two of the sport's elder statesmen, Willie Wood and Sammy Allen, helped Scot-land and Ireland in the world outdoor triples and pairs

Wood, who has now collected 12 medals from six world championships since his first appearance in Johan nesburg in 1976, was out-standing in Scotland's triples team, tidying up effectively after his lead. Kenny Logan, and calling on his vast experi-

ence to get the best out of his skip, George Adrain, Scotland proceeded fo trounce the New Zealand team of Andrew Curtain, David File and Peter Belliss 26-5 in the final, allowing New Zealand to score only in singles, and the victory gave Wood special pleasure, avenging his defeat by Belliss in the 1984 final in Aberdeen.

Adrain has proud memo-ries of Aberdeen, having won a gold medal there — for the United States. In those days, the host country provided a bank of substitu tes, and the Ayrshire man called in to

replace Jimmy Candelet, who hroke his leg, helped Skippy Arculli to win the pairs title. Now, 12 years later, he has struck gold for Scotland.

Ireland's win over Scotland, the holders, in the pairs was a surprise, but well deserved Jerome Henry, a 22-year-old student from Portrush, outplayed Richard Corsic at lead, and Allen, 35 years his senior, played a succession of magical conver-sion shots that bewildered Alex Marshall

The Scots, who were widey tipped to retain their title. led 11-6 after nine ends, but dropped a count of four when Allen trailed the jack to the back of the rink, and, aithough there was little in it,

Ireland always seemed in charge thereafter. Allen, appearing in his fourth world championships. has previously won the tri-ples at Aberdeen in 1984 and the fours in Auckland in 1988. Today he launches his bid for the singles title, but laughed self-deprecatingly when it was suggested that a full set was in prospect, dismissing

France happy to limit margin

England

By ALIX RAMSAY

THE atmosphere was less than electric, the applause was canned and the performance was distinctly subdued as the England women's team heat France 2-0 in the opening match at Milton Keynes.

The organisers were determined to create an air of enthusiasm and jollity and there were regular appeals over the Tannov for the crowd to cheer and shout. When the crowd would not join in, the organisers got their own back by playing taped applause. There was little happening on

the pitch to get excited about. The French knew their place from the outset. This was England's party to celebrate their new home and they were supposed to win. The French responded by seldom daring to venture out of their own half and, on the odd occasion they did find themselves in foreign territory, they looked suitably lost and retreated to home

ground as soon as possible. England, after scoring twice in the first 18 minutes, proceeded to make life difficult for themselves. The subsequent shooting was woefully inaccurate. Kathryn James, who has scored II times for Trojans in

the national league this season, was more often than not in the right place but could not hit the target. The one time she did, she was offside. It was that sort of day.

Jane Smith's pass enabled Sally Gibson to open the scoring from point-blank range with a quarter of an hour gone. Three minutes later, Jackie Crook coverted a penalty stroke after another flurry of activity and an illegal stop in front of the French

In the second half, France closed England down by sheer weight of numbers behind the hall as stalemate ensued.

With no Great Britain players available to her and having had little time for preparation for the match, the England coach, Maggie Souyave, knew it had not been a classic encounter but had not

expected much more. We won, which is the main thing," she said. "I am disappointed with our finishing but the way the French played was



The Cambridge bow three look smooth and controlled

Blue boats tune up for Tideway showdown

By MIKE ROSEWELL

BOTH Oxford and Cambridge emerged with wins in private fixtures on the Tideway on Saturday as the countdown to the University Boat Race, on April 6, continued.

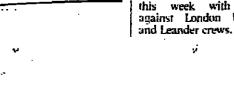
Oxford, bronzed after ten days' training in Spain, produced three three-minute rows and a Putney to Hammersmith piece against a Molesey crew with seven internationals on board. Cambridge, without James Ball, their regular stroke, because of an ear infection, undertook two halfcourse rows opposed by Nottingham County, a mixture of lightweight and heavyweight

Oxford edged the threeminute confrontations before winning the bridge-to-bridge contest by half a length, leading off the start on Surrey but never breaking clear.

In contrast. Cambridge, also on Surrey, rowed right away from a lacklustre Nottingham in their initial Putney to Chiswick Steps race, looking controlled and unruffled throughout, to win by eight seconds. The second row, from Chiswick Eyot to the finish, was a different matter as Nottingham came to life. Cambridge were again faster away, but the County kept contact and, on Middlesex and with only a half-length deficit at Barnes Bridge, looked likely to come through. However, Cambridge held them off and

won by just under a length. Robin Williams, the Cambridge coach, was happy with his crew's "guts and determination", but seeks "a bit more polishing". Oxford. clearly better than last year, will be tested further on the Tideway this week with contests against London University





Callard conducts Bath's march at the double

BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

FOR the third time in eight years Bath will meet Leicester in the final of the Pilkington Cup; proof — if proof were needed — of the degree to which these two clubs continue to dominate English rugby. Neutral observers, and perhaps the sponsors, may occasionally hope for change but until the rest can meet the demanding standards set by this pair they will wish in vain.

Since both are setting the pace in the Courage Clubs Championship, too, the prospect of a double-clinching victory on May 4 at Twickenham remains a tantalising prospect, though far more likely for Bath. They have a two-point advantage in the league and that enviable record of never having lost a Pilkington Cup final: moreover, they now have a clear month in which to hone the playing style that proved so attractive before Christmas, before the disruptions of the international season.

"We haven't played together for so long and we find it difficult." John Hall, their director of rugby, said. Their multi-layered game cannot prosper without constant match practice, as the semifinal at the Recreation Ground on Saturday proved. Indeed, ambition sometimes outran common sense as Bath's backs tried to find space well behind the gain-line against a Gloucester team that may lack finesse but loses nothing in commitment

Thankfully, for Bath, they had Jonathan Callard. Five successive kicks at goal out of five, yet what will be his reward? He was dropped for the quarter-final against Bristol, when Mike Catt was preferred in his England position of full back; against Gloucester, Catt reverted to stand-off half because of Richard Butland's rib injury. Butland should be fit for the league game on Saturday with

few hints but selection is out of my hands," Callard said. What Gloucester would have given for such dependability. At crucial moments Mark Mapletoft's place kicking let him down and, instead of pressing Bath ever closer durremained at arm's length.

It was a game too far for Mapletoft. Out of rugby for a year after having his knee reconstructed, he had played only twice before the semifinal. Richard Hill, the Gloucester director of rugby. took a calculated gamble and selected him at full back but Mapletoft clearly lacked match sharpness.

Yet at least he is back in the swing now, and so is his club. Gloucester have three under-21 internationals in key positions -- hooker, lock and scrum half - and each of them came through this trial of strength in credit. Once they have shrugged off the disappoint-ment of defeat, they will take heart from running the hold-ers so close and their drive



Callard: dependable

away from the bottom of the first division should be all the stronger, even though they must clear awkward hurdles at Wasps, Harlequins and "When Bath scored their try

and went 19-3 up, many teams might have buckled but in the end Gloucester finished stronger," Hall said. Agreed, they were playing stronger but finishing is what Gloucester find difficult: they lack pace and variety behind the scrum and the elevation of Mike Peters to the wing did not answer the problem.

Yet it was a coming-of-age for a remoulded team that had to contend not only with Bath's 13 internationals but the disapproval of Ed Morrison, the referee, for their methods of winning the ball at ruck and maul. Bath's modus operandi is to commit more players than is now the norm in the loose and Gloucester found it hard to counter, until stung into life by Adedayo

the interval. If Bath have a selection

problem at full back, they will have another on the wing for the final. They have Jon Sleightholme, one of the England successes this season, they have Simon Geoghegan, of Ireland. and they have Adebayo, who has taken over Tony Swift's try-poaching mantle. The England A player, who will be required for the Hong Kong Sevens next weekend, scored significant tries in the two league meetings with Leicester this season and here was another. From an un-promising position, his stren-

and Mapletoft. Gloucester then dispatched their first-half blues. They drove into Bath, squeezed out a penalty and Scott Benton bundled his way over. Benton later left the field with a recurrence of a strained shoulder but he has already impressed observers at Kingsholm, as has Phil Greening who had the satisfaction of a heel against the head even when Bath had done considerable damage at set scrums.

gth and speed took him on a

50-metre dash through Peters

Admittedly, the veteran Graham Dawe had gone by then. He received a kick on the shoulder-blade in the first minute that left him in considerable discomfort. He had to watch as Gloucester, dominating the lineout, drove time and again into the Bath 22. But within five minutes Mapletoft, with two comparatively straightforward penalty attempts, and Martyn Kimber, with a dropped goal, missed the posts and the gap re-

Even if we had scored. Bath are the sort of side who always respond by raising their game," Hill said. Maybe so, but then again Hill may have too much inside information on his former club. Now, though, he has important information on his new one: they can live with the best in England again and that thought will strengthen them through the vital weeks ahead. S: Bath: Try: Adebeyo Conver-land Penalty goels: Callard (4)

mained nine points.

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Johnson, the Leicester lock, bursts through the last line of London Irish defence on his way to scoring a try. Photograph: Ian Stewart

Leicester power past enterprising Irish

By BRYAN STILES

LEICESTER took the spoils in this exhilarating Pilkington Cup semi-final, but London Irish revelled in the glory and if they had stuck to their game plan they might even have become the team to challenge Bath in the final in May. At least, that is what the romantics thought.

The Irish had been wonderfully enterprising in the open-Leicester by only one point -22-21 - at the interval. They had clearly rattled the

Courage League champions, who had not bargained for the abrasiveness of the second division team's forwards or the talent of their backs.

Even Tony Russ, the Leicester director of rugby. was anxious as Corcoran, the prolific points-scorer, lined up penalty attempts for the Irish early in the second half.

The Irish played brilliantly and if Corcoran had landed some more of his kicks we would have been playing catch-up rugby and anything could have happened." Russ

Luckily for Leicester, Corcoran missed with two attempts at goal in the opening minutes of the second half and presented Leicester with possession just the scenario that Clive Woodward, the Irish coach, had been working to avoid when preparing the team for the game.

He leapt from his bench, urging Halpin, the captain, to keep his players running with the ball, the tactic that had so upset Leicester during the first

The problem for Halpin was that he had been seduced by the memory of how Corcoran had won numerous matches with inspirational goalkicking. He felt it was worth the gamble, but he was wrong. Halpin had, in Henderson,

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an outstanding centre who is team. He also had Humphreys, the new Ireland standoff half, who was playing his first competitive game for London Irish and who dovetailed in smoothly. The couple thrived on the possession which went their way in

splendid try. Halpin is an enterprising

captain, nonetheless. At one point it looked as if he was going to leave the match when he realised the public-address announcer was calling for his car to be moved because it was causing an obstruction. A club official moved it. The Irish can invariably be relied upon to produce the unexpected. They were caught cold when

Underwood strode over for a try in the third minute but they kept running the ball back at Leicester, creating gaps that first division teams had found well-nigh impossible to achieve against a usually mean defence.

Richards, inevitably, imposed his grip on the game after the interval and the Irish did not score another point. By the 55th minute they had gone

fiercely when Underwood swept out of his own 22 to set up a try for Delaney. That marked the end for the Irish as Leicester cranked up the tryscoring.

The Irish, who welcome Gabriel Fulcher, the Ireland lock, this week, must now rejoin the battle to see who will be promoted to the first division with Northampton.

LONDON IRISH: C O'Shea. M Corcoran, P Flood, R Henderson, J Bishop. D Humphreys, T Ewington; L Mooney, R Kellam, G Halpin, A Dougan, A Meadows, C Hall, C Bird, B Waish. Henderson replaced by P Irons (75): Ewington replaced by P Irons (75): Ewington replaced by N Bners (79): LBICESTER: J Liley; S Hackney, R Robinson, P Delaney, R Underwood, J Harris, A Kardooni, G Rowntree, R Cockeril, D Garforth, J Welfs, M Johnson, M Poole, N Back, D Richards.
Referee; G Gadjovich (Canada)

Cup combat finds Cardiff painfully predictable

Cardiff...

By GERALD DAVIES

A KIND of intoxication infuses Llanelli when they sip a draught from the Swalec Cup. They thrive on it. They won the competition in four of its first five years, and five times since — as well as making three losing appear-

Llanelli have furthermore not lost at home in the cup in the past ten years, and were in no mood to let that record slip in their quarter-final on Saturday. Like a dog with a bone, they did not lose their

ances in finals. A semi-final is

an annual event.

A stumbling block in this upwardly-mobile progress in the past, however, has been Cardiff. Of their seven confrontations, Cardiff had won five. The visiting team, with their well-drilled and wrenching pack, were expected to advance this statistic.

In what is generally described as "cup rugby" dour, muscular, forward-orientated and with imagination for nothing more — Cardiff were expected to be in their element. And, so for the most part, it seemed.

It is a fine thing to dominate possession, as Cardiff mostly did. This matters. Yet what matters more is what you do with the ball when it comes. The Cardiff answer seemed to be not very much. They are mechanically predictable. Jonathan Humphreys, their captain. was moved to express his exasperation at the lack of vision and purpose in his team's performance.

Llanelli had begun with such pace and variety that

nents and created try-scoring chances for Proctor, leuan Evans and John in the first ten minutes. This was at a time when they won a share of possession at the lineout. This breathtaking start

might have lasted a while longer but for the emergence of Derwyn Jones and Wakeford, for Cardiff, who thereafter ruled the lineout. There was plenty of excitement in the slog and some moments to inspire.



Ieuan Evans: neat try

Llanelli tried to break away from Cardiff's grip but found they could not. Predictably, Cardiff slowed down the pace and, equally predictably. since they hardly ventured much, the only scores by halftime were a penalty each from Jonathan Davies and Justin Thomas, who had missed four other opportunities.

In the second minute after the interval, the home team broke the shackles. Wintle and Boobyer combined cleverly in midfield. The ubiquitous Gwyn Jones carried the move on, the ball was quickly served to Boobyer and his

kick found no-man's-land in

and behind Walker, the wing. leuan Evans ran between the two to pick up and score.

That was the last of the bright, swift thinking for a while. When push came to shove, then Cardiff pushed some more. They were in command. This they knew to be their strength. What they understood less was that it was to lead to their downfall.

They did succeed when Jones won the lineout and the rest of the pack heaved Andrew Lewis over for a try that Jonathan Davies converted. Encamped on the Lianelli

line, time and again they tried to push their way over. The ball was forever held at Taylor's feet. Eventually, Llanelli stole it, kicked the ball to the right and then to the left and were soon on Cardiff's 22-metre line.

Winning only their third lineout of the half. Griffiths raced on with memories of his rugby league days in St Helens in mind. He ran straight. Tacklers fell to right and left and he almost reached the line. Cardiff were offside. Thomas kicked the

penalty. When Cardiff threatened once more, it was Griffiths who tore the heart out of their efforts by running deep from his own half. Taking a leaf out of Cardiff's book, Llanelli saw out the afternoon by camping on the visiting team's line and suffocating them to defeat.
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Dallaglio prepares to lead European sortie

Sale ... By NICOLAS ANDREWS

IT HAS not been easy for any English rugby union dub this season, but few have had it as hard as Wasps. Shorn of four internationals, thrown into confusion by the game's stuttering progress towards professional ism, hampered by the weather. long-term injuries and representative calls at crucial times, it has been a season they might have wished to forget.

Yet now they stand on the

verge of European qualification - assuming, that is, that the Rugby Football Union does get round to confirming that the top four Courage League first division clubs will represent England in the European Cup next season. Sale would beg to differ, and they still lead Wasps on points difference, but, with games at Bath, Leicester and Harlequins ahead of them, this defeat at Sudbury was probably crucial

"The disruption has been immense." Rob Smith, the Wasps coach, said. "It has been very difficult. In November, most people put us down for relegation." The best thing to have happened to Wasps is undoubtedly the emergence of their new captain. "Lawrence Dallaglio has done a major job," Smith said. "He is a very big man. I can't say how big his contribu-

tion has been."

The No 7 was sorely missed in the defeat by Harlequins two weeks ago but he was back, leading from the front, on Saturday, covering the pitch and putting in a succession of crucial tackles. However, it was White, his back-row partner, who charged down Paul Turner's attempted clearance to give the home side a 10-6 interval lead that they barely deserved. Yet, as

the game wore on, so Wasps's confidence grew and Sale looked increasingly like a side that had played only two league games since Christmas.

They were enterprising enough, tapping penalties, running from deep and taking quick lineouts, but, as Dallaglio observed, "they never really looked like scoring a try".

Saverimutto did scamper over near the posts with nine minutes left, after the referee had awarded Sale a succession of penalties for persistent offside, but, by then. Wasps were in command,

Harlequins rewrote the Courage Clubs Championship record book when they beat West Hartlepool 91-21 at Brierton Lane on Saturday, overhauling Bath's previous mark of 76 against Bedford. Paul Challinor, the Harlequins stand-off half, scored 26 points, including one of 14 tries.

having scored two second-half tries. Gregory fed Greenstock for the first after Dunston and Dallaglio, prompted by Gomarsall, had led a forward surge from halfway, and Scrase scooped up a wayward pass to score in the right-hand corner after an initial break by Hopley.

"We have been used to being at the top of English rugby." Dallaglio said, "and we want to pit ourselves against the best in Europe." With two games against West Hartlepool to come, that wish should be granted.

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Colston's schooled for success at Twickenham

By Ivo Tennant

FOR the second successive year, Colston's Collegiate School, in Bristol, has won the national under-18 schools rugby cup. The first XV, coached by Andy Robinson, the England flanker, has not been defeated for two years, and that includes a tour of South Africa. The school's philanthropist founder. Thomas Colston, started something, for sure.

Before a crowd of some 12,000 at Twickenham on Saturday, Colston's defeated Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield, which, despite its rugby-playing tradi-tions, takes a very different view on awarding sports scholarships. A difference in boys' size as well as standards was evident in the final, as a score of 20-0 would

No longer, clearly, does Millfield attract sporting talent in the West Country as a matter of course. Three of the Colston's XV. Joseph Ewens, Jonathan Pritchard and Ricky Pellow, are in the England Under-18 team to play Scotland this week. "With the rewards that are likely to come into the game, a number of boys would like to make a career out of it," Alan Martinovic, the rugby master and the deputy head, said. "We like to set standards which the boys will not fall below."

Robinson, who missed this Daily Mail-sponsored final because he was playing for Bath, coaches the backs virtually every day of the week. There was no doubting the quality of their handling on Saturday, which led to two tries by Nathan Millett, the left wing. The concern for the

must be that Colston's, an independent school actively looking to attract the most talented boys in the West Country and beyond, will continue to be too good for the rest. QEGS, as it is known, also lost in the final last

In the preliminary rounds this winter, four schools were summarily beaten by Colston's before King Edward, Stratford, at least



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Schools results .

provided some opposition in their semi-final, albeit losing 30-8. The same could be said of Millfield, who, during the term, led Colston's 13-0 at half-time before being beaten 18-13. Inevitably there is a good deal of interest in a number of the Colston's XV. though none has signed professional terms as yet.

That rugby is an integral part of QEGS's activities is evidenced by the school having nurtured six internationals, Mike Harrison among them. Its fixture against Bradford Grammar School has been going for 121 years, and hence is one of the oldest competition's organisers in the country. Yet the headmaster, Robert Mardling, favours all-rounders. "I would not give sports scholarships on principle," he said. "There is a danger of divisiveness." OEGS is now an indepen-

dent boys' school. That it does not take boarders puts it at an additional disadvantage to Colston's, although the fact that Wakefield is best known for rugby league is of no consequence. It is a school of great antiquity, having been founded in 1591, but this is one sport yet to be embraced. The two cup competitions

on the schools day, as it was described on Saturday, were open to entrants from both the state and independent sectors. In the under-15 final. Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe, defeated Wellington College 17-13. This was followed by an under-16 international in which England beat Wales 15-3. The emphasis throughout the afternoon was on open, attacking rugby. "Schools rugby is about taking risks and I would never contemplate asking my half backs to kick the ball in the air at every opportunity to win games." John Cholewa, for 15 years master in charge of the game

at QEGS, said. The spectators appreciated that. Master in charge of rugby around the country would not have thought much of the boys who represented England and Wales not standing upright when the national anthem was played, but overall the standards were pleasing. "Play hard, play fair," Captain Michael Pearcy, president of the England Schools Rugby Football Union, intoned in the programme. These boys

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Nick Szczepanik puts some spin on a sport enjoying a revival

Strike out or head for the gutter down tenpin alley



Tim Lucas, II, delivers a curve ball to pick up a spare down the alley at the Streatham Megabowl in south London, where lanes fill up with youngsters at weekends



know it is hard to imagine." said Brian Michael, the England under-19 coach, and a former world champion. "but tenpin bowling is actually the biggest participation sport in the world. More people bowl than play golf, tennis or

Surprising at first, perhaps, but less so on reflection. After all, most people have been to a howling alley at one time or another, and it has the advantage of being a game that all ages can play; it's never called off for a frozen or waterlogged pitch, and the most common reason for not playing is that

there isn't a lane free. British tenpin bowling is enjoying a resurgence. After its introduction to these shores in the early 1960s, interest waned — but from a low of only 49 centres, the number has recovered to a healthy 200plus. We also have a reigning world champion. 17-year-old Gemma Burden from Westonsuper-Mare, who triumphed in São Paolo. Brazil, last November. Her introduction to the game was typical, although her rise to the top has been less so: her dedication to the practise necessary to reach

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terrupting her studies. bowling alley when I was four, and I enjoyed it so I joined the local youth bowling club. I was taken over by the Great Britain coaches when I was about ten; I started to play more tournaments then. I played and won my first adult tournament when I was 16." Apart from being a game

which all generations can play together, it gives the impres sion of being equally popular with both men and women. In 1950s teen movies, bowlingalley images are generally of a unisex sport for those intent on mis-spending their youth; but according to Mr Michael, that image is one that the sport is trying to shake off. "Bowling centres and management have tried to take it out of the Fifties. and with the onset of computers to help with a complicated scoring system, it's a lot easier for the average punter to play the game. A lot of the centres are now very up to date."

The national championships - classed by averages so that players at three levels of ability could compete - have just finished at the Swindon Superbowl; I went to get some tips from Bernie White, the tournament secretary. First he helped me to select a ball. "Bowling centres supply a range of weights," he said, "so you have to hunt around to find a good fit. If anything, get one with the holes looser rather than tighter. When you get more serious, the professional at a centre will customdrill a ball to fit your grip."

Properly equipped with ball and shoes, we took to the lanes. Ninety per cent of it is

the approach," Mr White told me. "When you watch people "My dad first took me to a just out for fun, some walk up. swing the ball a few times, sounded uncomfortably familiar. First we studied the form. Left-handers apparently enjoy a slight advantage, and an impressive southpaw on the next lane, whose approach looked textbook, seemed to be getting good results. As a right-hander, Mr White gave

me some hints about where to

begin my approach from, and I let the first one go. An extremely fortunate dead-centre hit looked good,

Apparently, pins knocking over other pins get the strikes, not necessarily the ball hitting them. For this reason, the ideal point to aim for is the "pocket", slightly to one side of the centre pin, known as the head pin; the pocket on the right is called the "stateside", on the left the "Brooklyn". I turned

Lyndon Bassett demonstrates the all-important grip

out to be a confirmed Brooklyner. One way of hitting the pockets is to out curve. or "work" on the hall, but if As the session progressed, I

side so that the ball comes at the pins diagonally. Before I tried to pick up the spare (knock down the remaining pins). Mr Michael pointed out how to minimise

more-or-less straight line, it

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the chance of missing by changing my angle of ap-BOWLED

arrange for coaching essions and will give advice on Joining a league or, for younger players, a youth bowling club. The British Tenpin (0181-478 1745) runs coaching courses for staff.

The Swindon

Most centres can

Superbowl, Shaw Ridge Park, Whitehill Way, West Swindon (01793 886 886), charges £3.35 per person per game (£2.85 concessions) at peak times (evenings and eekends) and £2.35 (£1.85 concessions off-peak) but, like other centres, often has special offers including amily rates. The charge includes hire of shoes, which must be worn on lanes, and balls. A range of weights is available.

proach - fairly obvious stuff really, but only after you have

what I ought to be doing, even if I wasn't always doing it. Fewer balls than usual went into the gullies, and rhat immensely satisfying sound of pins being sent crashing was getting steadily louder. The seventeenth ball was a strike, and felt like it from the second it left my hand, even if the extreme left-hand pin kept me waiting before finally falling over. Flushed with success, I finished with a three and a zero -- but at least I knew

where I'd gone wrong. And that was with only about halfan-hour's advice. Who knows what could be achieved with more dedication? oaching is available at most bowling cen-

tres: young players are especially well catered for. "We have up to 4.000 children playing every Saturday," Mr Michael said. "Over 2.000 will play in a national championship series on weekends throughout May. Kids are more exciting to watch than adults." Young players will have to play for pure love of the game: lack of television revenue

means they are unlikely to become big money-earners. "It's a hard sport to televise. In America they have cameras behind the pins so that you can see the ball coming towards you. We try to get it pushed forward, but it is difficult. It would interest me, but whether you could sell it to Mr and Mrs Average, I don'i know. Topless tenpin, perhaps? That might be interesting."

TUNE IN AND CHOOSE BRITAIN'S GREATEST **SPORTS STAR**

Tonight, Channel 4's The Greatest gives you the second chance in the series to vote for the Greatest British sporting hero of them all. And your vote will count in more ways than one, because it could win you a pair of tickets to the Europea football championship or even the top prize of a trip to the Olympic Games in Atlanta with Daley Thompson. The main alm of the series is to bring some degree of

scientific method to the comparisons so that a motor racing driver can be judged against a cricketer, a jockey against a footballer. You probably won't be able to put aside your prejudices completely - we all have our heroes, and our favourite sports - but The Greatest will open your mind to arhievements and personalities you may not otherwise have considered worthy of greatness. Tonight is the third show in the 12-part series. Part one

showed how the 20 sportsmen and women were shortlisted and last week Jackie Stewart and Linford Christie were considered. Two contenders will be examined in depth each week and their relative merits discussed by the panel of Frances Edmonds, author and broadcaster, Danny Kelly, editor of Total Sport, and a guest celebrity (tonight it is Eric Hall). Chairing the debate is Gordon Kennedy. The final show will give the results and declare The Greatest. The Greatest is ned on Channel 4 on Mondays at 8.30pm and repeated on Saturdays at 10am. The sporting stars under examination tonight are Bobby Moore and Torvill and Dean. Times writers give their appreciations to help your judgments.

TONIGHT'S CONTENDERS



Bobby Moore was the first to admit he was weak in the air, that his tackling could be stronger, that he was not the quickest footballer . It mattered not one jot. Moore was intelligent and skilful and could read a game to perfection He was also England's finest Lapa Who else would have reme: hered to bow to the Queen before receiving the Jules Rimet trophy in 1966? Who else would even have thought about wiping their hands of their sweat before

shaking Her Majesty's hand? Captaining England to World Cup victory on home soil stands as the pinnacle of Moore's career. Yet he played his finest football four years later in Mexico. Pele's talents were held in check by a dezzling display in England's group match against Brazil. Moore signed for West Ham United when he was 17. In 1964 West Ham won the FA Cup and then went on to win the European Cup Winners Cup at Wembley, Moore's performance against PSV Munich was, according to Ron Greenwood, the West Ham manager, "technical perfection". Alf Ramsey immediately made Moore England captain when appointed in 1963. He was 22. Over the next 11 years he collected 108 caps. In 1974 Moore retired from the international scene and left West Ham to join Fulham. Moore retired from the game in 1977 but his sense of dignity never left him and he bore the pain of the cancer that killed him three years ago with a calm courageousness



innovations with superb technique.

Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean never had to serve an apprenticeship in the matter of winning ice dance honours. Without bothering about silve or bronze, they went straight to gold in the European Championships of 1981. and never thereafter settled for less in European, world, and Olympic competition from 1981 to 1984. They nissed the Europeans of 1983,

TORVILL AND DEAN practising. Their domination was such that in their pomp they never once were beaten in any one of the three elements of ice dance, though faced with the challenge of such outstanding Russian couples as Moiseyeva Minenkov, Bestemianova-Bukin and Klimova-Ponomarienko. Their complementary technique made them the perfect. well-balanced couple. Dean, an ice dancer from the start, commanded his own special appeal, while Torvill, a former British pairs champion, gave substance to his choreographic

Their strength was based an almost telepathic synchronisation of movement, and on their total dedication. Once they had created a dance, they ran through it in full every day. Thus did practice make perfect, while at the same time building up stamina. Torvill said after the Olympic gold medal in 1984 that she remembered nothing between the start and finish. A great part of their appeal, apart from their superlative skating, was the public perception of them as a couple deeply in love. They did get married, but to different partners.

WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO

You will be asked to score each sports personality in each of five categories. Each category carries a maximum of 20 points, so the total scores you give are out of a maximum of 100. The categories are:

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Each week. Channel 4 and The Times will each be giving away a pair of tickets to the European football championship, courtesy of Carlsberg, the official beer of Euro 96, to the person who manages to match the emen ास England average scores for both of that week's profiled sports personalities. In the event of a tie, a draw will take place. Ten runners up will each win a signed copy of

Daley Thompson's book accompanying the series, The Greatest (Boxtree, £14.99). At the end of the series, all the weekly winners will have the chance to win the greatest prize of all - a trip to the Olympics

with Daley Thompson. **HOW TO REGISTER YOUR VOTE**

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Pregnant pause interrupts seafaring plans

SPORTS SERVICE ust when I thought that, at last, things were sorted out in my preparation for the BT Global Challenge round-the-world yacht race aboard Ocean Rover, my wife, Tracey, dropped a bombshell. In fact, the mother of all bombshells. Call 0891 500 123

She informed me that on September 28, the day before Ocean Rover and 13 other identical yachts are due to set sail from Southampton at the beginning of the "world's toughest yacht race", she is due to give birth to our third child.

To say I was gobsmacked is an understatement. Forgetting about the race for a moment, which is easier said than done, as a 37-year-old father of two boys, aged six and nine, who thought he had finished with nappies and sleepless nights, the thought of a new baby came as a shock.

My first question to Tracey was how on earth could it have happened, which is stupid really, but you know what I mean. It is just one of those things, isn't it? Then, I am ashamed to admit, I thought about how it would affect my

decision to take part in the race. It was difficult enough getting my head around abandoning the family



James Capstick on the dilemma presented

by the prospect of a new arrival the day before the start of the BT Global Challenge

for ten months in the first place, but this really brought the pains on. I looked up dilemma in the dictionary. It

tween equally unwelcome possibilities." Well, I think that just about sums it up. Do I or don't !? Since winning the Times competition for a berth on Ocean Rover, selfishness has become part of my character, but

read: "Position presenting choice be-

how far can you go? How much can my wife and my family be expected to take and at what point do the costs outweigh The timing is dreadful. If I continue

with the race. I will either leave Tracey in hospital with a day-old baby and not see her again until late December. when we plan to meet during the second stopover, in New Zealand, or. worse, I will have to leave her in hospital when she is still in labour.

will think of me because I am already thinking it myself. These are not exactly the actions of a doting father and husband. In my defence, however. I have always approached the race with total support from Tracey and, at the moment, she still wants me to do it. I have spent the past two years

planning and dreaming of the challenge of the Southern Ocean and, as a family, we have already made emotionand financial sacrifices for

uring training I have completed five-day stints. 24 hours a day, four hours on and four off, sailing triangles around Eddystone lighthouse in winter. Some of it has been horrendous - cold, wet and scary, with me throwing up over the side. I am not prepared to put that I can well imagine what some people down to experience and throw the

towel in. On a practical note, the biggest change to our plans concerns money. With Tracey pregnant and then bringing up our new baby, she will not be in a position to work as we had planned, I do not actually know at the moment how the family will live while I am away.

I have a recurring nightmare of running down the pontoon on the day of the start to jump aboard an already departing Ocean Rover still dressed in riding boots and spurs. (I should remind you at this point that I am a mounted policeman.) This vision has been slightly updated now to include the fact that I am also wearing a hospital gown and am passing out cigars to the skipper and all the

My greatest fear from the beginning of this great adventure has been that something would prevent me from starting the race. I have to admit, though, that this particular something had never occurred to me. Anyway, as they often say in my line of work: "If you can't take a joke you shouldn't have joined." The Challenge continues

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Championship

First division

Bern Harlequins Leicester Sale Wasps Oriell Bristol Saracens

Pilkington Cup

Semi-finals

BOXING

BANGKOK: World Boding Association flyweight championship (12rds) Saen Sor Picenchit (Theil holder) bit Leo Gamez (Veni) . NEW YORK: International Boxing Federa-tion | Junior-lightweight championship (12rds) Anuro Getti (Can, holder) bi Wilson Rodnguez (Dam) ko 6th

MAMIL Non-tile heavyweight event (12rds); Henry Akrawands (GB) bit Gerard Jones (US) disq 7th.
LAS VEGAS: World Boxing Organisation Syveright chemplonahip (12rds); Alberto Jimenez (Mes. hukler) bit Miguel Martinez (US) to 5th (U.S.) NO 301 HAMBURG: European middleweight chemplonship (12mds): Cancelled: Richie Woodhall (Tetord, holder) v Salvador Yanez (Ger).

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD (second day of tour): Sydney: South Australia 383; New South Wales 215-4 Melbourne: Queenstand 142 all out and 125-2, Victoria 255. Hobert Taymania 357-9 dec; Western Australia 186-3.

CURLING

HAMILTON, Ontario; Ford World champi-onships: Men: First round: Scottand bt Switzerland 6-4; England bt Australia 9-2; Norway bt Sweden 6-5; Nely bi Germany 8-Norway to Sweden 8-5, 189-7 to Germany 6-7: Canada bt USA 9-7. Women: Pirst round: USA bl Scotlend 6-3; Norway bt Pirland 7-8; Canada bt Germany 6-5; Mccerland bt Sweden 7-4; Japan bt Denmark 8-1. Second round: Scotland bt Firlland 12-2; USA bt Germany 7-6; Japan bt Sweden 10-8; Cerada bt Norway 8-4. Denmark bt Sweden 10-8; Cerada bt Norway 8-4.

GOLF

AROBERA: Portuguese Open: Leading Final-round acores (GB and lire unless stated): 271: W Riley (Aus.) 65, 67, 69,70 273: M Davis 72, 68, 66, 67, M Gates 68, 70, 55, 70 275: 8 Lane 70, 71, 71, 63, 71 Haeggman (Swe) 67, 72, 68, 68, 276: J Coostes (Arg.) 67, 68, 71, 72, 68, 68, 276: J Coostes (Arg.) 67, 68, 71, 72, 68; J Spencer 72, 66, 71, 68, J Ven de Veide (Fr) 74, 65, 70, 68; J Rivero (Sp) 71, 68, 69, 69; M Turnichiti 75, 66, 67, 69, 278: M Wills 73, 69, 69; A Shartoure 72, 68, 69, 36; E R Willson 66, 73, 71, 69, D Smyth 68, 73, 68, 70; N Briggs 72, 69, 68, 70, 280; P Lawrer 72, 69, 70, M Jonzon (Swe) 72, 72, 65, 71, O Kartson (Swe) 72, 72, 65, 71, O Kartson (Swe) 73, 70; G Emerson 73, 70, 68, 70; S Bottomicy 71, 73, 69, 68, 78 Russell 74, 69, 70, 68; P Linhart (Sp) 68, 72, 70, 71. D Bornego (Sp) 67, 71, 70, 73 NEW OFILEANS: Freeporl-McDermott Classic: Leading three-round scones (US unless stated) 204: 5 McCaron 88, 67, 69, 205: T Tolles 70, 69, 66, 208: T Watson 68,

penalty try. Con: Zoing Pena: Zoing 2 Dropped goal; Zoing.

Reading: Tries: Philips, Vatcher Con: Belshaw Dropped goal: Hill Rotherham: Tries: Dawson, Heaslegrave, Scott Con: Plant.

Richmond: Tries: Boyd, Cuthbert, Con: Gregory, Pen: Gregory, Coventry: Try: penalty try Con: Thomas Pen: Thomas.

PW D L F A Pts
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14 11 0 3 347 190 2 19
14 8 0 6 273 301 16
14 7 1 6 254 247 12
14 5 7 8 209 316 11
14 4 1 9 306 332 9
14 1 1 12 195 265 3

PWDL F APIs

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POSTPONED: Rosslyn Park v Rugby

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LEADING SCORERS: 177: R Zoing (Harrogate: 3 tries, 12 conversions, 43 penalty goals, 3 dropped goal), 187: J Gregory (Richmond: 31, 25c, 34pg), 158: J Grayshon (Modey, 21, 16c, 35pg, 4dg) 150: J Quartinii (Rugby, 31, 18c, 35pg) 163: P Rottedge (Oliver, 11, 5c, 35pg), 163: K Ptant (Rottherham, 11c, 23pg, 4dg) 55: S Gough (Fylda, 22, 8c, 23pg), 84: P Beishaw (Reading, 11, 11c, 19pg); 84: C Queck (Covertry, 1t, 8c, 21pg), Tries: 8: A Boyd (Richmond), C Philips (Reading), E Saunders (Rugby) 8: B Shepherd (Coventry)

Richmond

Richmond Coventry Rugby Rotherham Morley Harrogate Oline

Fourth division

Exeter 53 Aspatria Leeds 15 Clifton Liverpool St H 39 Havant London Welsh 29 Redruth Walsall 38 Plymouth

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Neath: Trise: Burnell, Evans 2. Higgs. S Wilkams, Woodland 2. Cons: Bridges 3 Pen: Bridge: Duawant: Tries: Edwards, Farmworth, Niblo Con: Thomas

16 Caerphilly

Newbridge 15 Pontypridd

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P W D L F A Pls
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12 9 0 3 319 187 18
11 8 0 3 207 195 16
11 7 1 3 187 149 16
11 6 0 5 177 177 12
11 5 1 5 154 181 11
11 5 0 6 276 194 10

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Fifth division north

Wharledale

Wharledale 11
Worcester 12
Winnington P 11
Bornunghem 11
Shellield 11
Preston G 11
Sandal 11
Stourbridge 11
Nuneston 11

Swalec Cup

Neath

15 Rotherham

66, 72, 207: L Clements 67, 66, 74, 208: D Love 68, 68, 72, 209: S Arpletty (Aust 74, 69, 66, C Smith 71, 71, 67: S Verptant 70, 67, 72, 210: S Lowery 71, 71, 68: T Lehman 69, 71, 70, J Gallagher 70, 68, 72; H Sutton 71, 66, 73, 211: J Edwards 72, 69, 70, F Noblo (N2) 67, 73, 71, B Glider 69, 71, 71, 21, 95 Stewart 74, 71, 67: F Langham 74, 69, 69, K Clearwater 71, 71, 70; R Black 72, 70, 70; K Sutherfand 72, 69, 71; R Winson 71, 67, 74; B McCallister 73, 64, 75, Selected: 218: E Bs (SA) 72, 71, 72.

Es (SA) 72, 71, 72.

LA OUINTA California: Liberty Mutual Legends tournament: Leading pairs: 131: Powell and Moody 65-88. 132: Hobday and Archar 67-86. 136: Nokaus and Player 66-69; Trawno and Hill 68-67. 136: Littler and Jenuary 69-67; Rooringuez and Henning 69-67. 137: Hill and Wynn 73-64; Succiden and Ceiberger 72-65

ROYAL WEST NORFOLK CLUB: Linker.

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Heineken League

Trearchy

Second division

Cross Keys 35 Massteg

a: Tries: Evans, Robert Jones, 2 Cons: A Williams 3. Pen: A Bridgend: Tries: Back, G 2, James Cons: Griffiths 3. Pens:

20 Abertillery

M Williams 4

P W D L F A T B Pts

Pontypridd 1513 0 3 505 223 59 17 43

Llanelfi 1511 0 4 419 203 57 18 40

Neath 1510 7 4 414 205 53 18 39

Swansea 18 10 0 8 499 347 68 18 38

Cardiff 11 0 3 442 217 52 15 37

Endgend 18 9 0 9 428 414 55 16 34

Newport 1610 1 5 347 351 31 7 28

Newbridge 17 8 0 9 267 318 35 8 24

Ebbw Vale 18 8 0 10 322 423 34 6 22

Treorchy 16 3 0 13 265 529 26 5 11

Abertakon 18 2 0 14 203 482 20 3 7

Cross Keys: Tries: Ernyr, Harris, Nicholls, Powell, Wysodri. Cons: Bebb 2. Pens: Bebb 2. Maesteg: Tries: Morgans, St John Towell Cons: Pearce 2. Pens: Pearce 2.

Pontypoot: Tries: Rhead, W Morris. Ward, West. Con: Williams Pen: Williams South Wales Police: Tries: Cox, Evans, Parlitt, Price 2. Const. Price 5 Pent Price.

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P. W. D. L. F. A. T. B. Pts.

Durwant 1613 0 3 385 176 52 15 41

Porthypool 1811 0 7 436 313 55 14 36

Caerphilly 1713 0 4 315 212 37 9 35

Cross Keys 18 8 010 390 320 47 12 28

Bonymeen 17 8 0 9 346 343 40 10 28

Llandovery 1711 0 6 279 290 30 4 26

S. W. Police 18 7 011 342 369 41 10 24

Maesteg 18 8 010 288 319 30 4 20

Abercynon 17 7 010 247 286 28 4 18

Llentharam 17 6 011 282 406 25 3 11

Tenby Utd 17 4 013 221 406 25 3 11

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THIRD DIVISION: Blains 20 Glamorgan Windrs 13; Narberth 11 Penarth 15; Tondu 12 Builth Wells 8; Mountain Ash 18 Cardiff

Melrose: Tries: B Redpath, Bain, Broughton, Chaîners, G Parker, G Shiel, Johner Cons: G Parker 3: Pens: G Parker 3: Boroughmuit: Tries: Finnie, Stark 2 Cone: Easson 2 Pen: Easson.

88 Biggar

35 Lancholm

Glasgow HK 47 Glasgow Acads 25 Glasgow South 35 Ayr 18

Insurance Corporation

Blackrock College 7 St Mary's Coll Cork Const 11 Garryowen Instorians 3 Old Wesley Shannon 25 Ballymens Young Munster 13 Lansdowne

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Portamouth v Port Vale (7.45)

VALIXHALL CONFERENCE: Galeshead Altrincham (7.45)

RUGBY UNION CLUB MATCHES: Moseley v RAF (7.30).

OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL: Budwoser Al-Star Game: North v South (Granby Halls, Lecoster, 8 0) GOLP: Sunningdale Foursomes (Sunning-

HOCKEY: Women's International: Great Britain v France (Bistam Abbey, 3.0).

balan v France (bistram Abbey, 3.0).

RACING: Catterick, Bridge (2.20).

Chepstow (2.0), Lingfield Part. (AW. 2.10).

SNOOKER: Berson and Hodges Inch
Masters (Golfs Complex Kildare).

SPEEDWAY: East Midfant's Bown, second
feg. Long Eaton v Coventry (7.30). Challenge Hull v Sheffield (7.30).

THURSDAY

Tennents Championship

Dundee HSFP 51 Grangemouth Stewarts Mel FP 75 Gordonians

Postponed; Kirkcaldy v Constorphine.

Regional League

50 Boroughmuir 22

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Tennents 1556 Cup

Fifth round

East one

East two

South

Gala

West

League

First division

Watsonians

25 S Wales Police 38

Maithew (GB) 75, 73, 76, M Lunn (GB) 75, 72, 77: Grace Park (Kor) 73, 74, 77 225; M Figueras-Dottl (Sp) 76, 72, 77 226; C Watters (Can) 77, 69, 80 228; C H) Koch (Swe) 70, 75, 73, British non-qualiflers: 150; P Wright 77, 73; A Nicholas 74, 76, 151; S Strudwick 75, 76, 154; H Dobson 79, 75; S Maynor 75, 78 Disqualifled; K Davies HOCKEY

MiLTON KEYNES: Internetional matches: Merc England 3 India 4, Women: England 2 France 0. MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Second naish's National (EASUE Second division: Beeston 3 Otton and West Warts 2: Blueharts 2 Doncaster 1; Brodifands 0 Harleston Magples 1; City Of Portsmouth 3 Richmond 3; Firebrands 2 Crostys 1; Hampstead and Westminster 1 Isoa 3; Oxford University 3 Bromley 1; Sheffield 4 Gloudester City 0; Slough 0 Edghaston 2

isca Sheffield Bromley Hampstead Richmond 17 4 1 12 29 36 13 Olton and WW 17 2 1 14 18 35 7 ADNAMS EAST LEAGUE: Premier division A: Colchaster 7 Rectordge and fillord 0, powers 1 Peterborough Town 3. Premier division 8: Bremwood 2 Sudbury 2. Clacton 7 Stevenage 3; Dereham 2. Romford 1; bowich and East Suffok 4 Westolff 0; Luton Town 0 Old Southendlan 4.

NASTRO AZZURRO LEAGUE: Hampshire/Surrey; Old Cranleighers v Purley MiddlyBerriau/Bucks and Oxoric ETESSA v Bracknet; Ramgerhia v Harrow; Richings Park v Eastcote LIVINGSTON: Home countries schools championship: Under-18: Wales 0 Ireland 3; Scotland 1 England 8 Under-18: heland 0 England 2; Scotland 3 Wales 0 WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bracknell 0 Hightown 3; Cathon 3 Lecesier 0, Doncaster 1 Sutton 2; Ipswich 2 Sough 3, Standings 1 Highlown 26; 2 Sutton 22; 3 Ipswich 20. Hightown Sutton CL

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St Mary's Shannon Lansdowne Cork Const

Young Munster Old Wesley Blackrock Ballymena Old Belvadere

Second division

Old Creecent Terenure Coll Dungarnorn Greystones Bective R Sunday's Well Wanderers Malone Cloritart NFC Dolphin

Bective Rangers 17 NIFC Dungamon 9 Terent Malone 29 Dolphi Sunday's Well 9 Christ

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PWDL F A Pts

CLUB MATCHES: Askeens 23 Basing-stoke 10, Bristol 86 London Scottish 29; Cemborne 28 Perzance 14; Edinburgh Acads 36 Bradford and Bingley 8; Hawick 54 Kelso 14; Kendal 26 Northern 3; Uchfleid 51 Camp Hill 0; Met Police 14 Harlequins XV 40; Moseley 28 Worsester 7. Newcaetle 48 Stifting County 29; Notting-

Newcastle 48 Stiring County 29: Nothing-ham 8 Orrell 15; Saracens 27 Blackheath 25; Sheffield 55 Vale of Lune 0; Stoka 22 Manchester 23; Stourbridge 22 Chelten-ham 40; Tabard 44 Heritord 9; Henots FP 44 Musselburgh 7; Wigtownshire 29 Barbridge 36; Weston-super-Mare 16 Blackwood 14; Selfikh 39 Peables 7 Cancelled: Barkingy Behop's Stortlord, Borrymaen v Abercynon.

20 Wellingborough 13 (at Bridgwater)

13 Old Centralians 10

Pilkington Shield

Representative match

Wales Youth 9 England Colts (at Swansea)

SUPER 12 TOURNAMENT: Wellington 25 Queensland 32 (at Wellington); New South Wales 44 Australian Cepital Territory 10 (at Sydney).

LEAGUE

28 Leeds

Bradford: Tries: Calland, Knox, Scales 3. Goals: Cook 4. Leeds; Try: Cummins Goal: Holroyd Att: 17,139

(at Huddersfield)

34 Wigan

12 London

lan Biease testimonial

Silk Cut Challenge Cup

Semi-final

Bradford

match

Wakefield

Other match

Salford

RUGBY

Semi-finals

FIRST DIVISION; Bradford 0 Canterbury 1; Chemsford 3 Bedans 1; Exmouth 1 Wintbledon 2 Troyans 5 Busharts 2; Second division: Aldindge 0 Wolking 5; Ealing 1 Otion 0; Sherwood 1 Students 1; Si Albars 3 Reading 0 REGIONAL LEAGUES; East: Besieyheath 0 Cambe C 0; Igwends 2 WGC 1; Serecers 1 Harleston 0, Sevenouses 0 Loughtoniers 3 Midlands: Bedford 2 Tarmworth 1; C Ramblers 2 Pevent 0; Hampton 0 Laicester 0; Pickwick 2 Kettering 1, North: Newcastle 1 Don Valley 1, Poynton 7 Liverpool 0, Sheffield 1 Cartisle 1; York 2 Blackburn 2; South: Camberley 0 Winchmore Hill 1; City of Portsmouth 0 Dulwich 0; Hampstend 2 Worthing 1; Southampton 2 Hendon 0; Winchester 0 W Witney 1. West: Bournemouth 0 Winnborne 1; Redtand 2 Leominster 4; SI Austell 1 Cheftenham 2; Yate 1 E Glos 1.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Buffelo 1 Montheal 4; Defroit 7 Colorado 0, New Jessey 2 Chicago 4; Otlawe 1 Hartford 1; St Louis 1 Anahem 8; Winnipeg 4 Philadelphila 1; Calgary 1 San Jose 2 (01); Vanicouver 5 Dallas 2. Eastern Conference

reinched playoff spot reinchet playoff spot BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP: Play-offs: Group A: Pyte 9 Basingstoke 7; Nottingham 3 Sheffield 6 Group B: Caudit 6 Newcastle 3; Humberside 6 Durham 4 Promotion-nalegation play-offs: Group A: Bracknell 11 Blackburn 3; Milton Kaynes 7 Gulictord 8. Group B: Dumines 4 Slough 7

ICE SKATING

EDMONTON, Alberts: World figure championships: Leading final women's results:

1, M (wan (US) 1 Spts; 2, Lu Chen (China)
30; 3, 1 Stutistaya (Russ) 45; 4, M
Buthyskaya (Russ) 50; 5, S Bornaly (Fr) 85;
8, T Szewczenko (Ger) 85, Selected GB:
25, SMain 200 22. S Main 32.0.

LACROSSE

COBHAM, Surrey: All-England dubs and colleges tournament: Semi-finals: Bert-shire Wanderers S Motspur 1; West London 2 Edinburgh Thistles 4 Final: Berk-shire Wanderers 3 Edinburgh Thistles 2 (act) SHEPHERIDS FRIENDLY SOCIETY: North Of England: Premier division: Sheffield 6 Poynton 8; Timperley 4 MeBor 13; Slockport 14 Boardman & Eccles 8; Cheedle Hulme 9 Heaton Mersey 15.

ROWING

KINGSTON HEAD: Eights: 1, London A
14min 30sec (Open winners), 2, Queen's
Tower 14-45 (Senior one winners), 3,
London B 14-66, 4, London University
14-52; 5 kingston and Isis 1502 Other
division winners: Senior two: Ordord
University Lightweights 16:39 Senior
three: Imperial College 15:36 Veteran:
Bedford 15:50 Novice: London and SI
Bedford Grammer 17:25 Women's Senior
three: Kingston Grammer 17:25 Women's Senior
three: Kingston Grammer 17:25 Women's
Novice: Weythidge, 20:03 Cuedes Open:
Kingston 16:32 Junior: Dolwich College
16:39 Junior stateen: Latymer Upper
17:37. Women's Junior. Marlow 19:16
Coxed fours: Senior two: King's Canterbury 16:57. Senior three: Abingdon 17:07.
Women's Open: Kingston 18:53 Women's
Senior's: Let IIIIII-IIII

SHINTY

Sutherland Cup Final: Kirmalie 1 Kingussie 6 MacChistor: Semi finals; Bute 2 Oben Celtic 3, Inversary 2 Oben Cemanachd 3. Marine Harvest League Premier division: Glenunguinen 1 Oben Cemanachd 2 Oben Celtic 0 Fort William 2 North: First division: Caberladh 5 Smathglass 0; Kinlochshiel 1 Inverness 0; Lochaber 1 Kirmellie 2; Lovat 4 Beauty 1. Second division: Strachur 0 Gleronorby 5 Second division: Strachur 0 Gleronorby 5 Second division: Strathchyde Police 2 Taynutit 2; Third division: Kytes Athletic 5 Ballachufish 0.

SNOOKER

Draw for the £1.2 million Embassy World Snooker Champlonship at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield trom April 20-Alay 6. First round: S Henciry (Scot) v J Ferguson (Eng): D Roe (Eng) v G Willomson (Eng); K Dorietty (Rep of Ire) v N Terry (Eng); C

FOR THE RECORD Morgan (Wales) v D Henry (Scot); J Waltana (Thai) v J Michie (Eng): N Bond (Eng) v A Hamilton (Eng). D Harold (Eng) v N Foulds (Eng): J Parroll (Eng) v R Lawler (Eng). B C Sulfivan (Eng): A Robadoux (Can); A Drago (Malta) v S James (Eng). J Higgins (Scot) v M Clark (Eng): A McManus (Scot) v M Proce (Eng): J White (Eng) v E Henderson (Scot); P Ebdon (Eng) v O C'Kane (N2): T Griffiths (Wales) v J Burnert (Scot); S Davis (Eng) v W Thome (Eng)

SPEEDWAY PREMIER LEAGUE. Coventry 54 Wolver-

(National 4)
CHALLENGE MATCH: Swindon 57 Reading 39

SQUASH HATHELD: Equitable Life Super Senes
Finals: Third qualitying round: R Eyles
Aus) bt B Martin (Aus) (10-8, 8-10, 9-3, 7-9,
8-7; M Cairns (Engl bt C Walker (Engl bt M
Chaloner (Engl 9-1, 9-8, 10-8, 9-1, Final: Harris
bt Martin 10-8, 7-9, 9-4, 6-9, 9-2. Thirdplace play-off: Khan bt Eyles 9-7, 9-4, 9-2.
CHINGPORD: Carmons. British Satellite
Circuit: Sami-finals: Mart. M Bernet (10'orshree) bt S Cower (Norloh, 9-10, 9-6, 9-0, 9-1
1 J Davis (Herts) bt S Handley (Ovon) 9-4,
9-7, Women: S Winght (Kent) bt R
Marrier (Essex) 9-3, 8-5, 9-1, T Weeks (Aus)
bt S Brind (Kent) 9-2, 8-10, 9-7, 9-5

SWIMMING

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SHEFFIELD: Optrex British Otympic trials finals: Merr Freestyle: 100m: 1, N Shatckel (NWileid) 50.74; 2, M Stevens (Satellate) 50.74; 2, M Stevens (Satellate) 50.74; 2, M Stevens (Satellate) 1, P Patmer (Lincoln) 3mm 51.25sec; 2 G Smith (Stockport M) 354.30; 3, G Hudson (Portsmouth N) 356.20 Breaststroke: 200m: 1, N Galingham (Birmingham) 2:15.15; 2, A Ayers (Swanssa) 2.17.96; Weish record): 3, R Madden (Rochdale A) 2:18.02 Backstroke: 100m: 1, N Wiley (Bernet C) 55 Assac; 2, M Harns (Tower Hamlets) 55 44: 3, A Rudowood (Birmingham) 2:00.55; 2, M Harns (Tower Hamlets) 2:01 34; 3, R Hope (Warsender) 2:03 50 (Somthsh record), Butterfly; 2:00m: 1, J Hickman (Stockport M) 1:58.50 (British record); 2, S Pany (Liverpool) 2:01.81; 3, R Ashcroft (Wigan) 2:02 35. Individual medley: 400m: 1, B Laflerry (Leeds), 4:28 69, 2, D Warren (Leeds), 4:29 76, 3, J Harns (Elthamian) 4:29.78. Women: Freestyle: 200m: 1, K Poicaring (Doswich) 2:01 39: 2, S Hardcastle (Bractmell) 2:01 91: 3, C Hudderl (Leads); 2:03 93; 4:00m: 1, S Hardcastle (Bractmell) 4:14.41; 2 V Homer (Derwentside) 4:18.71; 3, S Codings (Bradtmol) 4:21:25. Breaststroke: 100m: 1, J Ling (Wattham Forest) 1:10 52; 2; M Hardwing (Dorne) 1:10 52; 2; M Hardwing (Dorne) 1:10 52; 2; M Hardwing (Dorne) 1:10 52; 3; M Hardwing (Dorne) 1:10 52; 2; M Hardwing (Dorne) 1

ST PETERSBURG: Open lournament: Semi-finals: YI alelnekov (Russ) bt F Dewalf (Ber) 6-3, 6-4; M Gusta'sson (Swe) bt L Burgsmuller (Ger) 7-5, 7-5 Pinat; Gustalasson bt Katelnikov 6-2, 7-6 SCHOOLS

RUGBY UNION UNDER-16 INTERNATIONAL: England 15 Wales 3. Deily Mail under-18 Cup: Finat: Colston's 20 Queen Elizabeth GS. Walesfield 0 Deily Mell under-15 Cup: Finat: Royal GS. High Wycombe 17 Wellington College 13 (all at Twickenham) FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL
ADIDAS VICTORY SHIELD INTERNATIONAL: Northern Ireland 1 Scotland 0.
Under-15 international: Wales 1 Republic
of Ireland 1 England Fuji Fitm Trophy.
Semi-final: Hackney and Tower Hamiles 1
Bury 2 Green Trophy under-13: Pendle 2
South Ribble 3 Inter-Town challenge:
Manchester 3 Rochalae 0; Huddersfield 4
Grimsby 1: Derby 2 Sheffield 2; Oudhern 2
Wigan 1, Mid Cheshre 1 Leeds 5
Postponed: Rotherham v Nottingham,
Northern Merift Lesque: Blackpool 1
Tratford 1, Bradford 5 Blackburn 1, London
Coniribian Shield: Semi-final: Barkny 1
Islington 3 London Hawler Trophy: Semifinal: Lution 3 Harlow 2 Essex Finch
Shield: Barkny 6 South East Essex 0
Mayes League: Southampton 4 Gosport 3.
Vale Cup: Besingstoke 2 East Berls 4
West Yorkshire Leegue: Hull 4 Barnsley 3
Weish Shield: St Helens 5 Ynys Mon 3
Alcock Cup: Kirdby Knowsley 1 Hatlon 1.
Vernon Laggue: Wirral 3 St Helens 0;
Sketmersdele 0 Liverpool 9 Inter-Association: Chester 6 Macclesfield 0; Hull 1
Barnsley 1, Lution: English Middland
ak-a-side championiship: Final: Surrey 0
Middlesext 1 Worksop: English Middland
ak-a-side championiship: Semi-finals:
Staffordshire 3 Warnwickshire 1; Derbyshire 1
Worsstershire 0 (eath: Final; Safford

lordshire 3 Wa Worcestershire 0 (aet). Final: Stafford-shire 1 Darbyshire 1 (Staffordshire won 4-3 on penalties). RACKETS

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QUEEN'S CLUB: Public Schools doubles chemplonship: Senior event: Elon 1 (N Balley and P Wigan to Elon II D Patrer-Tomorson and G Smrth-Bingham 15-4, 15-4, 17-14, 5-15, 12-15, 15-0, Mahvem II (D HB and B Bornton) bt Chellenham IT Hughes and T Haie) 12-15, 15-10, 15-8, 15-4, 15-1, Wellington (A and J Cowes) bt Charterhouse J Hamblin and E Ternant 0-15, 15-3, 15-5, 5-15, 18-13, 8-15, 15-12. Senior second pairs: Elon (G Smith-Bingham and D Pairner-Tomiunson) bt Wellington (N Symons and D Treintam) 11-15, 15-0, 18-15, 12-15, 15-1, 15-1 Celles, Harrow (A Tilchener-Berrett and C Wilson) bt Chellenham (S Feltholm and S Cowley) 15-3, 15-10, 15-2 Charterhouse (A Hollingsworth and H Nash) bt Wellington (M Kinder and J Alexander) 15-12, 15-0, 17-15, 15-2, 15-8 Junior colls: Quarter-finals: Tomordey (J Parker and N Huni) bt Mahvern (T Bomord and J Thompstone) 15-1, 15-6, 15-6, Winchester (B Pilcrow and M Scarth) bt Radley (S Higson and M Sicock) 15-2. 8-15, 14-17, 15-8, 15-5; Elon (E Cazelet and A Loudon) bt Wellington (M Griffith-Jones and O Rigoly) 15-1, 15-2, 15-3.

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MOTTINGHAM: SRA National Schools championships: Boys: Semi-finals: Millied 3 Siewart's Melvite 2; Wycfite 3 Crowmwoods (South London) 2 Final: Wycfite 5 Millied 0 (A Start bt J. Barrington 94, 92, 9-3, G Wifearns bt T Ruchards 94, 9-7, 9-3, G Morgers bt M Hayes 9-3, 9-9, 10 May bt J Wifears 7-9, 9-2, 9-4, 5-9, 9-2; C Archer bt C Oken 9-5, 9-0, 9-2, Giffs: 0.9-2: D May bit J Williams 7-9, 9-2, 9-4, 5-9, 9-2; C Archer bit C Olsen 9-5, 9-0, 9-2, Gints Serni-finals: Millfield 5 Benenden 0; George Watson's 4 Chopping Notion 1 Fination of the Company of the C

CYCLING

MILAN TO SAN REMO RACE (234km): 1. G Colombo (ft. Gewss) 7th Orna 275cc. 2. A Gonichenkov (LA. Reini) at 1sec. 3. M Coppolitio (ft. MG): 4. M Scanda (G8. Motorota) all same time: 5. S Zamu (ft. Gewss) 32: 6. F Baldeto (ft. MG) same time: 68. C Boardman (G8. GAN) 49. 150. S Yates (G8. Motorota) all same time: 5. S Zamu (ft. Gewss) 32: 6. F Baldeto (ft. MG) same time: 68. C Boardman (G8. GAN) 49. 150. S Yates (G8. Motorota) 8:20 World Cup attantings: 1. Colombo 50pts. 2. Gontchenkov 35: 3. Coppolitio 25. 4. Scianda 20. S. Zamin 18. 6. Baldeto 16. ROAD RACES: Europa two-day (Meansloke, Hampschre, 142m): 1. M Earley (Feam Raleigh) 6th 8th 15. Sec. 3. D Advod (Team Raleigh) 6th 8th 15. Sec. 3. D Advod (Team Raleigh) 6th 8th 15. Sec. 3. D Advod (Team Energy) at 20sec. Romfood-Harlow (8thm): 1. R Elingworth (Team Arretoss) at 26sec. 3. G Foord (Scott International Same time Astribied Classic (Notinghamshire, 50m): 1. W Randle (Ophthum Performance) 1. W Randle (Ophthum Performance) 1. M Earley (Ophthum Performance) 1. M Earley (Ophthum Performance) 1. Mariace, Warwickshire, 66m): 1. M Bell (Team Castell) 245 DO; 2. I Gibss (Pacher International RT) same time: 3. P Wilkes (Bredgale RT) at 100 Cardiff Byways RCC (Lartwill Metr. 58m): 1. A Owen (CC Aborquermy) 302:00. 2. S Howellt; (Connum CC), 3. P Foloy (Heron RC) all same time: RC (hilly. b8m) 1, A Owen (CC Abergaverny) 30/200, 2 S Howells (Cornum CC), 3, P Folloy (Heron RC) all same time TIME-TRIALS: Leicestershire RC (https://dx.doi.org/10.100/10.

Alex Sanderson, from Kirkham Grammar School and the vice captain, maintains the

momentum as England play Wales in the under-15 international at Twickenham

DONCASTER

Going: soft 2.00 (5) 1, Kingsinger (7 Ouinn, 8-2); 2, Magroal Times (7-1), 3, Spondulicis (6-1). Nervous Rex 4-1 (av. 12 ran. 11/1, 2/bl. M Channon. Tole: £5.20; £2.10, £2.70, £1.80 DF: £19.60 Trio: £40 20. CSF: £35 16. DF: £19.60 Tric: £40.20. CSF: £35.16. 2.50 (7) 1, Suelbach (L. Detton, 18-1); 2, First Matte (13-2); 3, Severdale Knight (25-1), Nigerl Hills 9-4 tay 14 ren 3; n.k. Fi Hollinshear Tote: £17.90; £4.60, £2.50, £4.40, DF: £119.70. Tric: £997.80. CSF: £121.11. Tricest: £2.495.59. 3.00 (1m) 1, Acharne (B. Doyle, 7-3); 2, Micronov (7-1); 3, Musherhol (5-2), Projection 7-4 lay, 5-ran 10, 44.0 Etitism 10-tis: £5.10, £2.20, £2.20 DF; £21.10, CSF: £22.38. 3.00 (1m) 1, Street Prices (Thield \$2.20, \$2.30 DF: \$21.10, CSF: \$22.36.
3.40 (1m) 1, Stone Ridge (Dane C'Nell, 33-1); 2. Rowing Minstell (14-1); 3, Barbaroja (16-1), 4, Shinerolla (11-1) Sharp Prospect 7-1 law 24 ran. 1ki, 6. R Hennon. Tote: \$2.50, \$5.50, \$2.50, \$2.00.
DF: \$220.70, Th0: \$5.782.70, CSF: \$413.08.
Tricast: \$6.509.57.
4.15 (1m 4f) 1, Juyush (W Carson, 5-1); 2.
Daraydan (7-1); 3, Penny A Dey (4-1). Right Win 6-4 ka 6 ran. Nr. R annbow Top. 3/4, 6l. B Hills, Tote: \$4.40; \$2.10, \$23.00. DF: \$1.50, CSF: \$23.30.

\$10.50, CSF: \$23.30.
4.45 (B) 1, Fire Dome (R Hughes, 11-1); 2,
The Puzzler (B-1); 3, Cool Jazz (9-2)
Domulia 100-30 lev 8 ran, MR: Carranita,
Fantasy Racing 1%I, S. R Hannon Total:
\$13.90; 2.70, \$2.70, \$2.20 DF: \$46.00
Trio: £75.50, CSF: \$85.72. 5.15 (6) 1, Green Barries (J Weswer, 4-1 lav); 2, Proud Look (7-1); 3, Frontman (11-2) 15 ren NP-Autoberry, No Hiding Piece 5t, 39th M Johnston Tote: £4.20; £2.00, £2.40, £3 60 DF £7.80 Trio: £85.20. CSF £34.83 Jackpot: not won (pool of £97,753.89 carried forward to Foliaestone today).

Going: heavy 1.30 1. Kingsfold Pet (5-1); 2. Frogmerch (4-1 fav); 3. Teinem (9-2). 11 ran. KR: Windward Ariom. (4-1 tan): 4, temen (9-2), 11 ran, NH: Windward Ariom.
2.00 1, Oetis Rose (33-1): 2, Carmel's Joy (25-1); 3, Supreme Ledy (4-1 R-fav); 4, Telicheny (10-1). Miss Optimist 4-1 R-fav (pulled up), 19 ran
2.35 1, Dream Ride (5-2 R-fav); 2, Ramsdens (14-1); 3, Granby Bell (11-2). Bougrove Man 5-2 R-fav (pul. 12 ran, NR: Equinox, Make A Stand, Master Goodenough
3.05 1, Cooline (11-4); 2, Royal Segos (11-2); 3, Green's Febr (5-1), Dark Stranger 5-4 tav (lel); 5 ran NR: The Brud
3.35 1, Abbey Street (7-2 fav), 2, Intermagic (9-2), 3, Crimson King (10-1), 16 ran NR: Country Star, Rising Dough, Spenish Blaze. The Captam's Wish.
4.05 1, Franch Holly (Evens); 2, Get Real

PACING :

NEWBURY 1.00 1, Surry Bay (11-4); 2, Do Be Brief (5-2 tay); 3, Turning Trix (100-30), 7 ran. NR: Strong Medicine, Yorkshire Gale.

spenson base. Ind Lapram is versn.
4,05 1, Franch Holly (Evens); 2, Get Real
(9-2); 3, Lively Encounter (25-1). 14 ran.
NR: Another Cockett, Dawn Leader,
Edgamoor Prince, Mory Coaster, Moon-Derill, Mr. Bolgrigs, Polylamia. Ready,
Money Craek, Red Vipor, Royal Raven,
Shelvels 15,60. DF: 24 70. This 1188.40
CSF: 25,63 Placepot: £22.40. Quadpot: £12.20.

BANGOR:

LINGFIELD PARK Going: standard

Going: standard
2.25 1. Further Future (3-1); 2. Suparcy
(6-5 lav); 3. Drittholme (6-1) 7 ran
2.55 1. Coof Fire (10-3); 21, Mattrneo
(10-11 lav), 21. Safecracker (25-1) 7 ran
NR. Spiral Flyer.
3.30 1. The Institute Boy (7-1), 2. Lord Sky
(11-4 lav); 3. Our Shadee (7-2), 10 ran
4.00 1. Renown (10-1); 2. Herr Tragger
(9-2); 3. Golden Touch (7-2 Jr. Lav) Wild
Palm 7-2 Jr. Lavy Bignitly (4-1), 2. Domoor
(3-1); 3. Rowlandsons Charm (111-2).
Hever Golf Eagle 9-4 lav, 7 ran
5.10 1. Fort Knox (100-30); 2. Again
Together (5-1), 3. So Intreptd (9-4) 8 ran
Placeport; \$27.60.
Quadport; \$13.90.

Placepot: £6,617.70. Quadpot: £341.00.

2.40 1. Kadari (3-1 lav); 2. Bushehr (16-1). 3. George Lane (8-1); 4. Rainbow Walk. (25-1). 17 ran NR: Beau Quest, Chowpor. Hullo Mery Doli 3.10 1. Mudahim (7-4 g-fav); 2. Change The Act (7-4 g-fav); 3. The Toaster (2-1)

Ine ACI (1-4 ji-taty); 3, the houses (2-1) 5 ran.

3.45 1, Parsons Boy (4-11 lav); 2, Derring Bud (8-1); 3. Over The Wrekin (20-1). 5 ran NPt Andre Laval.

4.20 1, Pharare (8-1). 2, New Tribe (33-1); 3, Jamestown Boy (20-1) Pride Of May 4-1 tav. 14 ran. NPt Viscount Tully.

4.55 1, Three Saints (13-8 fav); 2, Bathwick Bobbie (9-2); 3, Pond House (9-2), 10 ran. NPt Seymour Spy, Sweet Buck.

5.25 1, Supreme Norman (14-1), 2,

2). Intell. Ner seynous spyl, sweet Buck. 5.25 1. Supreme Norman (14-1). 2. Lothian Commander (14-1). 3. Northern Star (14-1) Dolce Notte 4-5 fav. 15 ran. NR: Carlingford Lass, Konvekta Queen. Zojila. Placepot: £111.20. Quedpot: £41.50.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE Premier division. Dudley Hill 14 (aigh Miners Wellare 10; Epremoni 12 West Hull 16; Heworth 8 Wigan St Patricks 15, Lock Lane 12 Saddieworth 13; Wootslon 64 Hernel Hemipstead 8

GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD tretand v Russia (at Lansdowne Road, Dublin)

Castle v Leicester (8.0): Leopards v Worthing (8 0).

GOLF: Sunningdale Foursomes (Sunningdale). RACING: Ambree (2.0), Lingfield Park (AW, 2.20), Ludlow (2.15): Sedgeheld (2.10). SNOOKER: Berson and Hedges Insh Masters (Golfs Complex kildare). SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Belle Vue v Coventry (7:30), Oxford v Swindon (7:30). Challenge Peterborough v Long Ealon (7:30).

SATURDAY

FOOTBALL Kick-off 3.0 unless stated
FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Blackburn v
Everton, Bolton v Manchester City, Leeds v
Middlesbrough: Dusens Park Rangers v
Southampron; Sheffield Wednesday v Chelsea; Totlenham v Covertry, Winnigham Forest,
Samot Evertury Lind States

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Altrincham v venuarijaL Confedence, Authoriam v Stevenage, Bath v Huncom; Biomsgrove v Slough, Dover v Morecambe, Getesheed v Weiling; Halifax v Famborough; Kolderninster v Northwich, Southpot v Stalybridge; Telford v Macclesfield, Woleng v Horbeston.

RUGBY UNION

v Abertillery (2,30); Ebbw Vale v Aberavon (2,30). Uaneli v Navport (2,30), Nasth v Portypodd (2,30); Treordhy v Newtordge (2,30). Second divisiont: Abercynon v Landovery (2,30); Bonymaen v Pontypool (2,30); Cross Keys v Durkont (2,30), Lanhoran v Ceerphility (2,30); Mastelleg v Tenby United (2,30); Ystredgyriais v South Wales Police (2,30); Tstredgyriais v South Wales Police (2,30);

RUGBY I FAGLIF Kick-off 3.0 umless stated
STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Haktox v
London (5.30), Oldham v Wilgan (at
Boundary Park, Oldham, 6.0) OTHER SPORT

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budwasser League: Derby v
Chester (8.0); Thames Volley v Doncaster
(8.0); Worthing v Hernel (8.0).

BOXING: World Boxing Council banterinweight championship. Wayn's McCuliough
(Belfast, holder) v Jose Luss Bucho (Max)
(The Polist, Dubbin). ICE HOCKEY: British Championship sem finals (Wembley Arena). mas (wermow) Arena).
RACING: Aintroon (1.35), Bevoriey (2.0). Hereford (1.20): Wolvorhampton (AW, 7.0) ROWING: Head of the River (Mortlake to Putney). SNCOKER: Benson and Hedges Inst Masiers (Golfs Complex, Naciare): British Open (Plymouth Pavilions) SPEEDWAY: Permit League. Bradford v Wolvorhampton (7.30). Coverstry v Ipswich (7.30): Cradley Heath and Stoke v Long Eaton (et Stoke, 7.30), Swindon v Ostord (7.30). SUNDAY

FOOTBALL

RUGBY LEAGUE Rock-off 30 unless stated
STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Bradford v
Casillatord (6 0): Leoda v Werrington
Workington v Si Helens. First division:
Bailey v Writhorborn (6 30): Featherstone v
Acchdale (6 0): Huddersfield v Selford
(3 30): Hull v Weisefield (3.15): Keighley v
Dewsbury (3 30). Second division: Bramley
v Leigh (5.0): Carliste v Chorley. Doncaster
v Barrow; Highheld v Hunslet, South Wales
v Hull K H (ar Aberevon, Iba). York v Swinton
(3.15)

OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL: Budwesser League: Chester v Newcastle (5 0), Sheffield v Manchester (6.15); Hernel v Lelcester (1 30), London v Birmingham (5.0). ICE HOCKEY: British Champsonship Finals

LEADING SCORERS: 180: J Liley LEADING SCORIERS: 180: J Liley (Leicaster: 1 by, 17 conversions, 48 penalty goals, 1 dropped goal) 170: J Callard (Bath; 3t, 31c, 3 log), 123: S Mason (Omel; 3t, 11c, 35gg), 127: R Liley (Sels, 2t, 15c, 27gg, 2dg), 110: T Stimpson (West Harriepool, 5t, 8c, 23gg), 103: A Lee (Saracens; 1L 4c, 25gg, 4dg) 85: D Pears (Harriequins, 11c, 14pg, 7dg), 73: M Tanton (Bristot, 5c, 20gg), 1dg) Tries: 10: D O'Leary (Harriequins), 8: S Bromfey (Harlequins), J Guscott (Bath), S Hackney (Leicaster), R Kitchin (Harlequins), A Lymsten (Bath), Second division Northamoton 48 Bedford

orthampton: Tries: Beal, Bell 2, Pountney Rodber, Seely, Townsend, Cons.; Gray-

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Northampton 13 13 0 0 855 145 26

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London Scot 14 9 2 3 267 238 20

Waterloo 14 6 2 6 258 343 14

WakeRed 13 6 0 7 216 216 12

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Blackheath 14 5 1 8 331 338 11

Bedford 14 4 9 236 423 9

Nowcastle 14 3 1 10 234 326 7

Nottingham 14 2 111 216 346 5

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LEADING SCORERS: 248: M Corcoran (London Instr. 8 Inss. 29 conversions. 50 penalty goals) 151: P Grayson (Northambero: 3. 52. 8pg) 128: A Kerr (Moseley: St. 7c, 28pg, 2dg) 128: M Emmert (Watorloo, 11. 11c. 33pg) 118: S Hoosinson (Notingham: 8. 31pg, 3dg) 118: S Howard (Blackheath 2t. 11c. 22pg, 5 dropped goals) 110: M Jackson (Wakeheid; 13c, 29pg) 105: J Steele (London Scottish: 21. 12c, 21pg, 2dg) 85: A France (Bedford; 11. 16c, 13pg, 3dg) Tries: 15: M Allen (Northampton) G Townsend (Northampton) 9: C O'Sinea (London Isch) 8: Corcoran 7: M Dawson (Northampton), M Ofiver (Bedford)

Third division 32 Fylde

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Bristol Rovers v Charitor: Chelsea v Brighton (at Kingsteinan FC, 7 0), Mithrati v Bristol City (7 0): Oxford United v Waltond: Swindon v Wast Ham (7,0), Tofferham v Crystal Palsce (at 5 x Alberts FC) Second division: Birmingham v Plymouth (7 0) PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Birmingham v Sheffleid United (7 0), Blackburn v West Bromwich (at Presson FC, 7,0), Wolverhampton v Liverpool (at Tofford FC), Second division: Port Vale v Grimsby (7 0).

OTHER SPORT RACING: Folkostone (1 50); Fontwell Park (2 10), Hosham (2 0)

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

ENDSLEIGH MISURANCE LEAGUE: Sec-

Quarter-finals Uanelli 11 Cardiff

32 Fylde 8 Morley: Tries: Aciand, Holdsworth, Stowe Tiffent Cons: Grayshon 3 Pen; Grayshon Dropped goak Grayshon Fylde: Pens: Gough 2

Newbridge: Tries: Jones, Smith Cort: Withers Pent: Withers Pointypridd: Try. Paul John, Pens: Jenkins 5. Newport Otley: Pens: Rufledge 5 Harrogete: Try.

300 ond division: Bristol Rovers v Chesterheld.
Carlisle v Rothernam (7 45); Hull v Notts
Courtly: Peterborough v Blackpool (7 45),
Wycombe v Bedford (7 45), York v
Bournemouth Third division: Chester v
Carribrdge United; Fulharm v Levton Onent
(7 45); Horeford v Lincoln, Preston v Bury.
Scuribrope v Exeter
VALDHALL CONFERENCE: Dover v
Welling (7 45), Haitbax v Southpoot (7 45),
Macdesiteid v Northwich (7 45); Tefford v
Woking (7 45)
EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONI-TODAY FOOTBALL Kick-off 7 30 unless stated * donoles all-licket match FA Carling Premiership Southampton v Coventry (8.0) Endsleigh Insurance League Third division Doncaster v Mansfield .

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPION-SHIP: Quarter-final, second leg: Scotland 1 v Hungary (2) (at Easter Road) Vaudhalf Conference
Daganham and Red v Bath (7 45)
Hednesford v Stevenage (7 45)
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier di-RUGBY UNION Kick-off 7 0 unless stated CLUB MATCHES: Cross Reys v Neath Glornorgan Wenderors v Treorchy; South Walos Police v Penatht, Treaton v Eveter (7 15): Tredegar v Pontypool vision: Worcester v Sudbury Tn ICIS LEAGUE: First division: Bogner Regis v Aldershot Town. Second division: Croyv Aldershot Town. Second division: Croy-don v Egham. UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Warstard v Barrow AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First

OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL: Budwelser League Choster GOUF: Sunningitale Foursomes (Sunning-HOCKEY: Women's international Great ritain v France (Bigham Abbey, 30) RACING: Huntingdon (2.20); Newcastle (2.30); Sendown Park (2.10). SNOOKER: Bonson and Hedges Irish Masters (Golfs Complex, Kildare) SPEEDWAY: Chellenge, Reading v Swin-don (7:30); Wolverhampton v Cradley Health and Stoke (7:30)

WEDNESDAY FOOTBALL

RUGBY LEAGUE STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Paris v Shef-field (7.30) INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: England v Bulgana (at Wembley, 8.0): Scotland v Australia (at Hampdon Park, 8.0). Northern OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Sunningdale Foursomes (Sunning-RACING: Aintree (2.0): Lecester (2.55); RACING: Aintree (2.0): Leicester (2.00): Taunton (2.15)
SNOOKER: Banson and Hedges Insh Masters (Gotts Comptex, Kaldare).
SPEEDWAY: Pramier League: Ipswich v Bradford (7.30). Challenge London v Peterborough (7.30): Sheffield v Hull (7.45)

Notingham Forest,

BROSLEGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Derby v Stoke; Grimsby v Brimsgham; Lacoster v Sheffield United; Luton v Ipswich, Millwell v Crystal Palace, Norwich v Charlfon; Port Vale v Barnsley, Portsmonth v West Bromwich: Reading v Oddham; Southend v Tranmere; Sunderland v Huddersheld, Wolverhampton v Warford Sacond dinsion: Blockpool v Berettord Bournemouth v Bristol Rovers; Bradford v Swarzes, Brighton v Rothernam; "Bristol City v Swindon; Crewe v Chesterbeld; Notts County v Carlicle; Peterborough v Walsalt; Shrowsbury v Hull, Stockport v Oxford United; Wrexham v York; Wycombe v Burnley, Third division: Carolft v Company United; Wrexham v York; Wycombe v Burnley, Third division: Carolft v Company United; Darlington v Lincoln; Doncastia v Chaster; Everter v Barnet; Fulmam v Plymouth, Hartlepool v Cotchester; Leyson Onert v Bury, Mansfield v Wogan; Northampton v Squrfhorps, Rochdale v Gätingham; "Scarborough v Presion: Torquay v Hereford,

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First

stayoroga: Jeano v Macceaned, Wording
v Hedriesford.

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier
division: Falkirk v Hearts; Hibernian v
Kirnamock: Partick v Motherwich; Rauth v
Rangers First division: Airdine v Dumberton; Cycletanik v Dunfermine, Dundee v
Greenock Morron; St Johnstone v Hamilton;
St Mirran v Dundee United. Second
division: Berwick v Clyde; Forler v Ayr,
Montrose v East File; Stiting v
Sternhousemuir; Strannaer v Oueen Of
South Third division: Airbroath v Alloa:
Cowdenbooth v Alton; Livingston v East
Strling. Queen's Park v Caley This; Ross
County v Brechin.

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COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP:
First division: Bristot v Bath: Hartequine v
Sale: Omell v Leicester: Wasps v Gloucester: West Hartlepool v Sanscens Second.
division: Bedord v London Scottish;
Blackheath v Northampton: Notitingham v
Moseley: Wakeheld v London Irish; Waterloo v Newcasile. Third division: Coventry v
Orley: Fylde v Rocslyn Park; Harrogate v
Rugby; Rohmond v Reading; Rothorham v
Morley: Fourth division: Aspania v London
Welsh (2 30): Cifton v Liverpool St Helens:
Havanit v Evater; Plymouth v Leeds; Redruth
v Walsali. Filth division north: Simningham
Softhul v Broughton Park; Kendal v
Winnington Park; Lichfield v Whartedele;
Numeaton v Sandal, Sheffield v Preston
Grasshoppers, Stoke v Stourbridge Fifth
division south: Askeans v Weston-superMare; Barking v North Walsham; Berry Hit v
Cheltenham; Camberley v Henley: Lydney v
Camborne; Met Polica v Taband
s HEINEKEN LEAGUE: First division: Cardifi

Wales Police (2:30), Salayin sas v Suhi Wales Police (2:35), SRU TENNENTS 1959 CUP: Fifth round: Dundee HSFP v Sed-Forest; Glasgow Acade v Gola: Hewick v Bigger: Kirmamock v Consimptine; Musselburgh v Preston Lodge; Stewarf's Mei FP v Henof's FP; Watsonians v Langinoim.
INSURANCE CORPORATION LEAGUE: First division: Ballymena v Blackrock College (2:30); Gamyowon v Young Munster (2:30); Old Betwetten v Instonations (2:30); Old Westey v Strannon (2:30), St Mary's College v Cork Consonation (2:30), Second division: Contart v Dolphin (2:30); Gelystonias v Old Crescent (2:30); NIFC v Terrature Coll (2:30); Sunday's Well v Dungarnon (2:30); Wanderers v Melone (2:30) WILLIS CORRON TROPHY: Army v Royal Navy (et Twickenhorn)

Kidk-off 3.0 unless stated FA CUP: Semi-finals: Asion Villo Liverpool (at Old Trafford, 4 0); Chok-sa Manchaster United (at Villa Park, 1,30) Kuck-off 3.0 unless stated

(Warnbloy Archa).

MOTOR CYCLING: British superbike champiomship (Dontrigion Park).

SMOCKER: Benson and Hedges Insh Muster: (Gotte Complex, Kildare). British Open (Plymouth Pawlicing).

Limit to role of expert on video evidence

In re N (a · Minor) (Child abuse: Evidence) Before Lord Justice Neill and Lord

Judgment March 141 Where an allegation of child sexual abuse was made and an interview with the child was video recorded, the recording was admitted into court as a form of hearsay evidence and it was for the judge to decide its weight and credibility. Experi evidence would be used to explain and interprete the video but it was the duty of the judge alone, not the expert, to decide whether or not the

child should be believed. The Court of Appeal so stated allowing an appeal by a father against the dismissal by Judge Cotterill in Taunton County Court on March 14, 1995 of the father's application for contact with the

The mother had made an allegation that the father had sexually abused the child. After the allegation was made the child protection team arranged an interview with the child to be video recorded.

Miss Judith Parker, QC and Mr Christopher Naish for the father: Miss Patricia Scotland, OC and Mr Ralph Dixon for the mother; Mr Bruce Coleman for the guard-

LORD JUSTICE WARD said that a judge approaching such a recording should remind himself of the following:

I The recording was admitted as a form of hearsay evidence. It was for the judge to decide its weight and credibility. He would accord-ingly have regard to the fact that, in the instant case, the evidence from the child was elicited in

response to leading questions under some pressure.

He would judge the internal consistency and inconsistency of the story. He would look for any inherent improbabilities in the truth of what the child related and would decide what part, if any, he could believe and whether stripped of embellishments of fancy or exaggeration, there remained,

2 The judge would also receive expert evidence to explain and interpret the video. The expert evidence would cover such things as the nuances of emotion and behaviour the postures and the behaviour, the gestures and the budy movements, the use or nonuse of language and its imagery, the vocal inflections and intonations, the pace and pressure of the interview, the child's intellectual and verbal abilities, or lack of them, and any signs or the absence of signs of fantasising.

3 There were particular problems in the reception of expert evidence in separating out that which was admissible from that which was madmissible. It was only the judge's dury to decide whether whether or not the child should be believed: see In re S and B (Minors) (Child abuse: Evidence) (1990) 2 FLR 489, 498B and 499B) per Lord Justice Glidewell and Lord Justice Stocker, also In re F ! (Minors) (unreported April 7, 1995.) CA) per Lord Justice Morritt.

From those passages, the position on the proper role of expert evidence appeared to his Lordship

ti) The expert's evidence of his or her belief in the truth of what the child was saying was ordinarily inadmissible because it trespassed on the judge's domain and usurped his function.

(ii) Proper evidence from an expert would be couched in terms that fact (a) or (b) was consistent abuse that it rendered the child's evidence capable or incapable of being accepted by the judge as

Medical witnesses were frequently called to give evidence of their diagnoses. A diagnosis of sexual abuse was sometimes a proper medical question in the case of obvious physical injury to the genital area. In other cases the diagnosis was heavily dependent

on what the child said. It was difficult for that diagnosis to be made without having formed a view as to the veracity of the child and the court had to be sympacase if in the course of his evidence he said that he believed the child. The strict law of evidence was contained in the three citations above. One could not, however expect the subtleties of the law of

evidence to be understood by the child psychiatrist and the child Experience showed that the subleties were not always under-stood by legal practitioners. His Lordship agreed with Lord Justice Morritt that more care had to be taken but in the imperfect world in which those difficult cases were

conducted the ultimate safeguard was the judge.

It was for judges always to ensure that the decision at the end of the day was theirs. Whether or not the child was telling the truth was ultimately one for them not for

4 Evidence of a diagnosis of sexual abuse of the kind his Lordship had been discussing called for a very high level of expertise about which the court had always to be

the expert

For the court to rely on opinion evidence, even to admit it, the qualifications of the witness must extend beyond experience gained as a social worker and require clinical experience as or akin to a child psychologist or child

5 A guardian ad litem on the guardian's panel usually brought his experiences as a social worker to bear on the discharge of his duties as guardian ad litem.

His Lordship endorsed the passage in the Manual of Practice for Guardians ad Litem and Report-ing Officers (HMSO (1992) p40) ch recommended: "The guardian should not attempt to appear in court as an expert witness in matters on which he is not com-petent and credible in the court's eyes as this can only undermine the child's case. The guardian is expected to be an expert in general child care matters, not an expert in specialist areas "

6 There was a further danger to the guardian ad litem giving evidence as an expert. His duties were to

safeguard the interests of the child in the manner described by the rules: section +l(2)(b) of the Child-

By the Family Proceedings Rules (SI 1991 No 12-17 (L20)) his duty was to advise the court on a number of matters including what orders should be made in determining the applications: see rule 4.11(4).

It was impossible for him to advise without having come to his own conclusion about the harm the child was alleged to have suffered. He had to decide in the exercise of his own duty to safeguard the child's interest whether or not he believed the child. Judges could not complain if he

stated that belief as his reason for coming to the conclusion and giving the advice he advanced. It might be better if his report and his mightoe expressly acknowledged that he realised and accepted that that was the court's decision, and even if it was not expressly acknowledged, the judge must make it clear to the guardian and to the parties that the ultimate decision would be his and his

7 It was a function of the judicial art and skill to apply those observations with discretion and with circumspection as the facts of the particular case demanded.

The point was made in the present case that there was neither the time nor the money nor the availability of expertise which would have enabled the guardian ad litem to have achieved the counsel of perfection which was implicit in the foregoing.

Where opinions were proferred on subjects beyond the competence of the witness, then the judges must sift the admissible from the madmissible and give weight to what they admitted as might be appropriate. The business of the court must be conducted with some eye to the practicalities as well as the technicalities.

Applying those observations to

concluded that: (a) the evidence obtained from by pressure and leading questions as to be unreliable: (b) as a consequence, future

(c) the guardian ad litem's experience in a child abuse team was not sufficient to establish his ability to express an upinion on the emotional responses of the child to the matters being pressed on her In so far as he expressed the view that the approach adopted by the police officer and social worker was perfectly proper and under-standable and necessary, he was plainly wrong for the interview was in flagrant breach of established procedure. That error undermined the validity of the evidence of his observations of the

child during his interview. The judge in accepting the belief of the court welfare officer and the guardian ad litem that the child had been sexually abused fell into the error of accepting as admis-sible evidence that which was inadmissible.

The possibility of the child's evidence having been contaminated by a very pressured, driven interview by the child protection team, the lapse of time, the absence of receated complaint, the mother's presence, all that should have given rise to anxiety about the reliance to be placed on what the child was saying. There was no constellation of factors pointing to sexual abuse, only unsatisfactory hearsay evidence and unsatisfac-

His Lordship had come to the clear conclusion that the judge was wrong to find that the father had sexually abused his daughter Since that finding informed his decision on contact, his decision to dismiss the father's application was fatally flawed. There was no alternative but to send the matte back for rehearing of the father's application.

Lord Justice Neill gave a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Ford Simey Daw Roberts, Exmouth; Gilbert Stephens, Exeter; Kay Firth-Butterfield,

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Lord Justice Nourse gave a

Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard &

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Rectification possible after discharge of jury

Regina v Maloney (Peter James)

Before Lord Justice Roch, Mr Justice Alliott and Mr Justice Judgment March 151

The discharge of a jury was not a bar to the rectification of their

The Court of Appeal so stated when dismissing the appeal of Peter James Maloney against his conviction by a majority of 11 to 1 on August 21, 1945 in Northampton Crown Court (Judge Corrie and a jury) of indecent assault. On appeal the sentence of 42 months imprisonment was reduced to 24

Section 17 of the Juries Act 1974 "(3) The crown court shall not

accept a verdict of guilty ... unless the foreman of the jury has stated in open court the number of jurors who respectively agreed to and dissented from the verdict.

Mr Clive Sutton, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr John Pini for the

MR JUSTICE ALLIOTT, giving the reserved judgment of the court, said that the grounds of appeal against conviction related solely to the fact that when delivering the majority verdict, the foreman of the jury did not state how many jurors agreed with and how many dissented from the verdict.

On Friday August 18, 1995 after verdict direction the jury retired again to consider their verdict. When they returned to court at

15.17hr the court clerk asked the foreman whether at least ten members of the jury had agreed upon a verdict and the foreman replied "yes" and gave a guilty verdict. The jury were told that they were free to go.

Later that day the judge had counsel back in court to discuss the fact that when taking the majority verdict the clerk had not asked how many jurors had agreed with the verdict and how many had dissented from it. It was agreed that the jury should reconvene the following Monday for the procedural step to be complied with.

On Monday, August 21 the court reconvened. Defence counsel que-ried whether the inaccuracy was capable of correction, given that the jury had left the building on the previous occasion.

The judge took the view that it could be corrected, not least because of the provision in section 43 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 permitting a jury to separate after first retiring to consider their verdict.

There could be no doubt that the gust 18 was vittated by the failure to ascertain the number of jurors dissented from the verdict.

The wording of what was now section 17(3) of the 1974 Act was mandatory: see R v Barry (Christopher) ([1975] 1 WLR 1190) in which the court considered the predecessor section 13(2) of the Criminal Justice Act 1967.

On August 21 the verdict was properly taken if the court was in a position to take it in the light of what had gone before.

The cases of R v Russell ([1984] Crim LR 425), R v Parkin ((1824) 1 Mood 45), R v Vodden ((iSS3) Dears CC 229), R v Carter: R v Canavan (1964) 2 QB 1). R v Andrews ((1985) 82 Cr App R 148) and R v Follen ([1994] Crim LR 225) were considered.

In the light of the authorities, their Lordships had no doubt that had it been possible to reconvene the court with the jury immediate ly the omission to obtain the numbers agreeing and dissenting was appreciated, then it would have been permissible to carry out the rectifying procedure.

Discharge of the jury was not a bar to the rectification of their

Turning to consider the impact of the lapse of time before the out, before the passing of the 1984 itself was no bar to subsequent

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Juries dispersing for the night in the usual circumstances when they had not reached a verdict were given certain directions, but their absence of directions a bar to rectification when all that had to be done was to establish how many had voted for the guilty verdict and how many against it.

Fortunately, it was possible to eassemble the entire jury on the Monday morning, the next work ing day after their purported verdict. There was no suggestion that they deliberated further on the Monday and no reason to think that the numbers 11 to 1, when given by the foreman in the presence of all the other jurors were not correct.

The position would be different had the jury had to deliberate further or, perhaps, if the verdict was being altered from not guilty to guilty, but their Lordships were not persuaded that the large of time in the circumstances of the case rendered the verdict unlawful Solicitors: Crown Prosecution

Order valid despite omission

Regina v Ellis Before Lord Justice Hirst, Mr

Justice Rougier and Mr Justice |Reasons March 8|

A confiscation order made pursuant to section 1 of the Drug Trafficking Offenoes Act 1980 re-mained a valid order not-withstanding that the court making the order failed to fix a term of imprisonment in default of payment as required by section 31(2) of the Powers of Criminal

The Court of Appeal so held when giving reserved reasons for dismissing on February 22 an appeal by Gary Ellis against a confiscation order for £23,000 made by Judge Beashel on July 19. 1994, following the appellant's plea of guilty at Bournemouth Crown Court on November 26, 1993 to producing and supplying

Mr Paul Hester, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Mark Horton

MR JUSTICE MITCHELL delivering the reasons of the court. said that it was submitted for the appellant that the confiscation order was fatally flawed and should be quashed because the sentencing judge failed to observe a mandatory requirement of the legislation, namely the making of

an order of imprisonment in default of payment; and that that defect could not now be remedied. The confiscation order was made under section I of the 1986 Act. Section 6 provided that section 31(2) of the 1973 Act should have

effect so as to treat the amount of

the order as a fine. Section 31 of the 1973 Act provided: "(2) . . . if the crown court imposes a fine on any person ... court shall make an order fixing a term of imprisonment . . . if any sum which he is liable to pay s not duly paid or recovered."

It was clear from R v Popole ((1993) 14 Cr App R (S) 60, 64) that if ne provisions of the 1986 Act and the 1973 Act were to be fully complied with the sentencing court made two orders and not one; the confiscation order, and the order

The failure to make the second order did not taint the first. R v Onwuka ((1991) 95 Cr App R 47) could be distinguished and did

not compel a different conclusion. The order in the present case was lawful and capable of being enforced. There was no reason in law or common sense to hold that a requirement to impose a sentence of imprisonment in default of quash the confiscation order.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Bournemouth.

Jobless director gets no discount in ban

Secretary of State for Trade period of disqualification should and Industry v Arif and

Before Mr Justice Chadwick (Judgment December 20) The fact that a company director had not been able to act as such while disqualification proceedings into account in determining what his appropriate period of dis-galification should be under the Company Directors Disqualifica-

Mr Justice Chadwick, sitting in the Chancery Division at the Birmingham District Registry, so held on an application by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry seeking disqualification orders pursuant to section 6 of the 1986 Act against Mohammed Arif. Saleem Arif and Ronald Davis.

Mr Michael Fay for the secretary of state; Mr Stephen Neville for Mohammed Arif: Mr Saleem Arif and Mr Ronald Davis in

MR JUSTICE CHADWICK considered the evidence against the three directors of the company which had become insolvent and decided that disqualification orders should be made against Mohammed Arif for seven years. Saleem Arif for two years and Ronald Davis for three years.

It had been argued on behalf of Mohammed Arif that, in fixing the appropriate period, regard should be had to the fact that since the institution of the proceedings in June 1993 he had been prevented from taking appointment as a director of a company because no suitable directorship would be offered to a person against whom disqualification proceedings were nding. In practice, therefore, he had already been disqualified by circumstances from acting as a

director since 1993. His Lordship could see considerable attraction in an approach which led to some credit being given for the two and a half years during which those proceedings had been pending, but it appeared to him that such an approach was precluded by the structure of the

Section o required that the

be at least two years. The period

The Court of Appeal had explained in *In re Grayan Building* Services Ltd (In liquidation) (1995) Ch 241, 254-55) that it was not open order for disqualification by reason of events which had occurred during the period between the date of the failure of the company and the date of the order.

Once a finding of unfit conduct had been made, the court was required to make a disqualification order, notwithstanding that it might be satisfied that as at the date of the order no further protection was required for the It was clear, therefore, that there

would be cases in which the court was required to make a disqualification order of two years in circumstances in which it was satisfied both (a) that that was the longest period of disqualification which could be appropriate having regard to the nature of the unfit conduct which it had identified and (b) that the effect of the proceedings had been already to prevent the respondent from acting as a director for more than two wars. In such a case the period of pending proceedings could not be

taken into account. Logic required that, if the period f pending proceedings could not he taken into account in a case of that nature, it could not be taken into account in any other case.

That did not lead to the conclusion that a period of de facto disqualification during the pendency of proceedings would, necessarily, be irrelevant for all purposes. It might very well be a relevant consideration when deciding to give leave to act as a director of a particular company or com-panies pursuant to 17 of the Act.

But the period of pending proceedings could not be prayed in aid to reduce what would otherwise be the appropriate period of disqualification under section 6 of Solicitors: Wragge & Co. Birmingham: Howell & Co.

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Judicial review only remedy over road closure

The Great House at Sonning Ltd and Others v Berkshire County Council

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Saville and Lord Justice **Judgment March 14** Persons directly affected by the

proposed temporary closure of a road by a highway authority's order under section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 had no right in private law proceedings to challenge the order or its im-plementation on the basis that it unfairly or unreasonably made. Such a claim was a public law claim and their only remedy was by way of judicial review.

The Court of Appeal so held (Lord Justice Saville dissenting) allowing an interlocutory appeal by the highway authority, Berk-shire County Council, from a decision by Mrs Justice Steele on March 8, 1996, and ordering that the action in nuisance commenced by the plaintiffs, The Great House at Sonning Ltd. The Mill at Sonning Theatre Ltd and The French Horn Ltd. was an abuse of process and be struck out.

Mr Timothy Straker for the ighway authority: Mr Jonathan Ferris for the plaintiffs. LORD JUSTICE HUTCHISON

said that the judge granted an injunction prohibiting the high-way authority from closing Thames Street, Sonning, to traffic on March 11, 1996, for a week. The need to close the road arose out of the implementation of a traffic calming scheme. The legal justilication for the proposed closure was found in section 14 of the 1984 Art and an order made thereunder

on February 12, 1996. The plaintiffs, a large hotel, a theatre and a restaurant, were enterprises depending on forward planning and it was readily under standable why they were affected by road closures preventing or seriously restricting access to their

They began proceedings by or-dinary generally endorsed writ for an injunction and damages for nuisance caused by wrongful obstruction of a public highway. The judge, having been referred

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10 Mohram Ali v Tower Hamlets London Borough Council ([1993] That way of looking at the QB 407). Roy v Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster Family matter was supported by Lord Lowry's approach in Rov v Ken-Practitioner Committee (1992) 1 sington and Chelsea and West-AC 624. HL) and O'Reilly v Mackman ([1983] 2 AC 236, HL), minster Family Practitioner Committee (at p653) approving of rejected the higway authority's fundamental objection that the action was an abuse of process the broad approach to the question whether matters should be brought by way of judicial review because in essence the claim was a Turning to the merits of the matter, the judge was fully justified in granting an injunction in public law claim only and ought to have been brought by way of

She had held that the plaintiffs had a concurrent private law right, namely their right as persons directly affected by the closure to maintain an action in public nuisance, and that justified their proceeding by way of ordinary

embodied in the following question: when an order such as one made under section 14 of the 1984 Act had been validly made, was its effect to prevent obstruction of the highway, in a manner permitted by the order, from constituting a blic misance? If the answer was that such an

order did have that effect, then the

plaintiffs were not entitled in

impugn that order on the basis that it was unfairly or unreasonably made. Their only remedy was in proceedings for judicial review. A prima facie valid order did not have to be justified in the manner was to say that the highway authority had to refute all and any criticisms that might be made o their conduct in making or im-plementing the order before they could be heard to assert that they were not committing a public nuisance by their lawful obstruc-

tion of the highway in pursuance of it. The order prevented that obstruction from being a nuisance unless and until it was set aside. There was thus no private law right that so long as the order stood the plaintiffs could assert. The case was one in which the plaintiffs' only remedy lay in public law proceedings because what they were essentially doing was attempting to challenge the validity of the order made under ection 14. That was not permissible in an action such as the

LORD JUSTICE SAVILLE. dissenting, said that the highway authority's contention was mis conceived. The plaintiffs were not seeking a public law remedy but relied on a private law right. It was trite and ancient law that a person who could prove particular loss and damage over and above that sustained by the public at large for an obstruction to the

highway had a private right to recover that loss and damage from the person responsible.

The highway authority's defence to the claim was that they had lawful authority to obstruct the road. The plaintiffs disputed that on the ground that the February 12 order, or the implementation of it. was in all the circumstances un-

wers relied on by the highway authority. Thus it was well arguable that public law remedies or anything of that sort, but were merely alleging that the defence to their claim had

reasonable and thus outside the

Their claim did not depend on proving that the highway authority was not authorised by statute to obstruct the highway but merely required proof that the public authority was threatening to obstruct the highway so as to

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As the Queen begins her state visit to Poland and the Czech Republic, Roger Boyes and Michael Knipe present a two-page report

The lion, unicorn and tigers talk business

The Queen's state visit to Poland and the Czech Republic, which begins today, is being treated as an important gesture by the Central Europeans: a signal that the region is no longer in limbo between communism and the market. but rather has become a fixed part of democratic Europe.

Warsaw and Prague have been buzzing with excitement about the trip; aristocrats have been jostling with genteel determination for invitations to the royal banquets; gossip about the House of Windsor has invaded the trams, shops and factory canteens.

For obvious geopolitical reasons, British Ostpolitik - the policy of opening to the East has always lagged behind Germany's But Britain is one of the strongest advocates of eastward enlargement of the European Union and Nato. And Margaret Thatcher's idea of a "know-how fund" has given British policy a muchneeded focus in the region; the fund has been helping to school and retrain the Central and East Europeans, to equip them for capitalism.

Partly as a result, British companies, with no tradition of eastern involvement, have gained a foothold in a historically difficult market. Bass, the brewery company, has moved into the Czech beer business in a big way, bringing its packaging and marketing skills together with the Czechs' long brewing traditions. While Butlin's, the leisure group, may open a holiday camp in Poland, Mills & Boon novelettes hold Polish and Czech housewives in their

The know-how fund has been complemented by other schemes, including the Prince of Wales Business Leaders' Forum — which brings togeth-Western executives and Central European decisionmakers. One result of this programme is that BOC has



President Vaclav Havel (left) of the Czech Republic with President Aleksander Kwasniewski of Poland

Slovak nationalist politicians made a break-up of the coun-

try inevitable; the fragmenta-

tion of the Balkans and Soviet

Union did not augur well for

the Czechs and the Slovaks. In

the turbulent days of 1989-90,

Hungary seemed to be best-

Europe. Now, how-

ever, the Polish and

Czech economies look

stronger, although

perhaps not quite as thrusting as they are

the Western business

brought inflation cra-

below 10 per cent.

placed to succeed in the new

Poland has

shing down, but it is still ex-

pected to hover around 20 per

cent this year. In the Czech Republic inflation has fallen

Both countries have power

ful growth: a remarkable 6.5

per cent in Poland and 5 per

cent in the Czech Republic. In

some ways, the Czechs appear

to have outstripped the Poles:

their unemployment rate is

much lower, and their private

welding school in Wroclaw in vestern Poland.

The Prince is also involved in several important restoration projects in Prague. To-gether with President Vaclav Havel, he initiated and is patron of the Prague Heritage Fund, which was set up to finance the restoration and conservation of the city, and the English College.

ll this represents a departure not only for Britain but for the Royal Family. In the words of one Polish commentator, the "Lion and the Unicorn are at last lying down with the economic tigers of central Europe".

Five or six years ago, as the two countries were emergingfrom under the rubble of the centrally planned economy, their tiger status was far from obvious. Poland was crippled

Czechoslovakia was in a better position, but it was also saddled with rusting, ineffi-

anywhere else in the East. The Czech Republic has been given membership of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, a membership that chiefly signals to Western investors that Prague is a good bet. Even so, for many investors Poland is the main magnet. With a population of almost 40 million, it is a large

market with an appropriately big, well educated and relatively young workforce. As in the Czech Republic, incomes are still low, as are social security contributions. That makes both countries interesting for foreign com-panies seeking a site to build new factories, distribution cen-

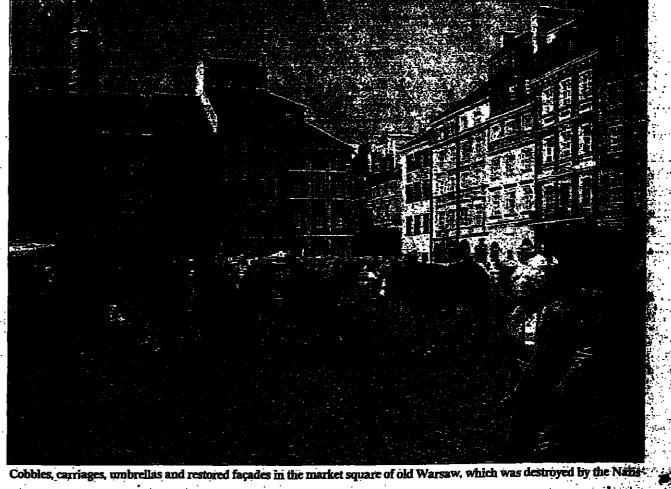
tres and supermarkets. The Czech Republic, at the very centre of Central Europe, likes to emphasise that it is at the heart of a 570-millionstrong consumer market and has solid manufacturing traditions. But Poland, with its coastline and long borders with both Germany and Russia, may have the edge. Geography, so often the bane of Polish history, is now coming

Vaclav Klaus, the Czech Prime Minister, and Wlodzi-

The political key is to prevent disillusion about the West creeping in

mierz Cimosewicz, his Polish counterpart, agreed recently that they would avoid any destructive competition in the drive to enter the EU. Membership was their common aim, but they were not insisting on joint entry, nor were they intent on outbidding each

The fact is that both countries realise there is still some time to spend in the waiting room, before Nato and the EU



Yet these men, both hosts of

social democratic credo. They

worry, it seems, about the vic-

will take them on. The political key is to keep the European flame alive in their societies, to prevent disillusion about the West creeping in.

Mr Klaus is already something of a Euro-sceptic, suspi-cious of centralised bureaucratic control from Brussels and

very reluctant to sign up for a single currency. Czechs are becoming wary of Germany, traditionally their main champion in Europe: the question of compensate the Sudeten Germans expelled

from Czech lands still hangs heavy over the relationship between Prague and Bonn. The Poles remain more enthusiastic about Europe.

Poles and Czechs, for all their dynamism, have some catching up to do. Despite the glittering new boutiques and plate-glass hotels, they are poorer than the poorest of the EU member states. Even by 1999, the gross domestic product per head of the Czechs is expected to be barely half of the EU average. The real

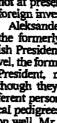
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impact of Europe, or perhaps remodelled himself on conventional Western lines ... sun the modern world, can best be lamps, tennis and low-fat diseen on the streets, rather than in dry balance sheets. Shops in ets. Mr Havel is a chain-smoking reluctant politician who both Prague and Warsaw open deep into the night spent the best years of his life unthinkable in prosperous fighting communism and writing plays with a political neighbouring Germany and throughout the weekends. Shop assistants are even startthe Queen, share a kind of ing to smile.

ast-food outlets are ev-____i erywhere and the range of restaurants and cinemas in large cities matches those in the West. The jobs spawned in this way cannot wholly compensate for the loss of jobs in heavy industry, but the Poles are learning to live with high

The old tradition of moonlighting, or of working (usually illegally) for short periods in the West, still keeps many families remarkably prosperous. The Czechs, in contrast and despite having privatised 80 per cent of the previously state-run enterprises, have virtually zero unemployment. However, with a pool of available labour in Slovakia. Ukraine and Poland, this is not at present deterring direct toreign investment.

Aleksander Kwasniewski. the formerly communist Polish President, and Vaclav Havel, the former dissident Czech President, met recently and though they have utterly different personalities and political pedigrees they seem to get on well. Mr Kwasniewski has



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tims of the transition from

communism to capitalism. Mr

Havel has found a voice on -

this, never failing to irritate

the free-market Prime Minis-

ter Mr Klaus. Mr Kwasm-

ewski has yet to find quite the

right way to address his com-

olex nation; but both polit-

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ership in Central Europe

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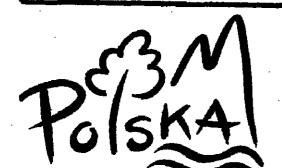
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While disillusioned Poles have voted in former communist rulers, 60 per cent of Czechs are happy with their non-communist society

politician was so enraged that he deployed the whole ma-chinery of the police to track

down the ill-starred couple.

Six years on it would be the

boy's father who would be

miffed: no self-respecting

worker wants to marry into a

politician's family.

The distaste explains the

current ascendency of the for-mer Communist Party. The

Social Democrats, as they are

now known, are the heirs of

the regimes that ran Poland

for more than 40 years. In

theory, the Social Democrats

should therefore be repugnant to most of those who support-

ed the Solidarity movement -

nine million Poles at its peak.

In fact, the Social Demo-

crats dominate parliament,

run the Government and have

successfully assured the elec-

tion of one of their number to

the presidency of Poland. Many reasons have been put

forward - the longing for old

certainties, a natural lurch to

the left - but their true merit

is that they are the least-

political of Poland's parties.

They are a management class

There have been several

political zigzags over the past

six years, but neither the lurch

to the right, nor the lurch to

the left has derailed market

reform. The shakiest periods

are when one or other of the

small peasant parties holds

the balance in a governing

coalition, for they are the most

wary of foreign investment

A vote for the former Com-

munists was a vote for effici-

ency. Whether the party can

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It is certainly true that they

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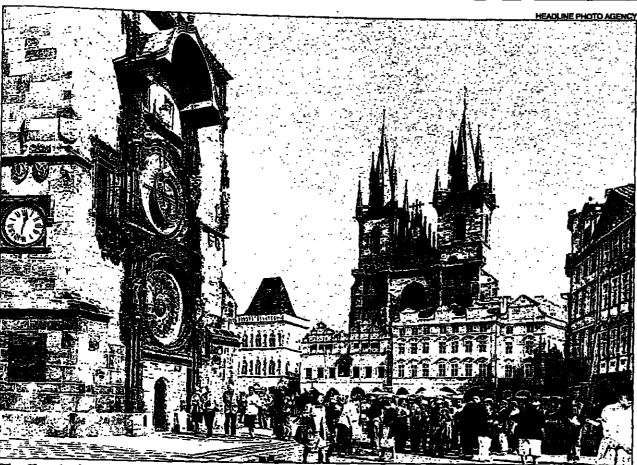
party machine, with solid

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The Church of Our Lady in Prague, the most splendid of European capitals, though some buildings are crumbling

ix years after the "velvet revolution" that brought down the Communist regime, faith in the benefits of democracy and a competitive market economy remain firm in the Czech Republic, Michael Knipe writes.

"Yes, life is good," says Josef Skupa, a plasterer, sipping a beer in the U Kocoura pub in Prague's New Town quarter. "I am earning twice as much money for doing the same work, I have been to France and Germany on holiday and I can even buy a property abroad."

His views reflect opinion polls which show that 60 per cent of Czechs believe their society - headed by the socially concerned President Vaclav Havel and the pragmatically capitalist Prime Minister Vaclav Klaus - is moving in

the right direction. Foreign investors agree. They have sunk more than £5 billion into the Czech economy since 1989, with German and Swiss companies leading the list. The British are only ninth incline, with investments of less than £300 million but Bass, the brewery company. Bovis, the civil engineers, and Anglian Water are heading the investment drive, while Tesco has just purchased the K-Mart supermarket chain in the Czech Republic and Slovakia for £77 million.

Pensioners, public service workers and others on fixed incomes are less sanguine about the economic changes. For all the beauty of Prague's city centre, most Czechs live in unappealing tower blocks in drab suburbs, on an average wage of only 8,000 crowns (£200) a month.

Some complain bitterly that the centre-right Government of Mr Klaus is more Thatcherite than Baroness Thatcher was when Prime Minister, Indeed, in the almost wholesale privatisation of the economy, even the health service has been transposed to the private sector.

Czech pessimists also point to the trade deficit which last year reached £2.6 billion five times the 1994 level — but the government and the Czech National Bank insist there is no cause for alarm, as more than half of the imports are capital goods to re-equip the nation's industries. Furthermore, they say, there will be no

Embracing the market with eyes wide open

problem in sustaining a sizeable trade deficit for at least the next two years.

Government officials also dismiss expressions of concern about Czech industry's competitiveness. Although unit labour costs rose by 90 per cent between 1992 and 1994, they are still low by comparison with Western Europe. Officials like to cite the case of an international electronics company which, by moving its

public from Germany. was able to increas production by 50 per cent. There are cer-

tainly signs of economic buoyancy everywhere in Prague, the most splendid of European capitals, even though many of its architectural gems are crumbling and much in need of repair, and the spires and domes

leading opponent of past centuries are being challenged by McDonald's

and Coca-Cola signs. Plastic sheeting is draped around the magnificient facade of the Municipal House, finest of the city's numerous art nouveau palaces, while it undergoes a £40 million refurbishment. Indeed, almost everywhere tourists have to focus their cameras carefully to avoid cranes or scaffolding intruding into their photo-

graphs. When the Czech Republic was admitted to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) this year, it became

the first former communist country to join the exclusive club of leading industrial nations. It is also the only Central

nists to power. Richard Falbr, president of the Czech Council of Trade Unions, puts this down to the "overwhelming hatred of Czechs for the 20 years of hypocrisy and lies they suf-

European country from the

former Soviet empire not to

have elected former commu-

fered under the puppet regime ing the Soviet-led suppression of the reformist ment in 1968.

Dubček Govern-His words were borne out by the numbers who gathered recently to commemorate the 78th anniversary of the Bolshevik takeover in Russia. The crowd was only a hun-

dred strong and most of them were pensioners. The next general election is scheduled for June, and although the ruling coalition headed by Mr Klaus's Civic

Democratic Party (CDP) - which won a third of the votes last time - is expected to retain power, it is likely to do so with a reduced majority. The party predicted to emerge from the election as the main opposition force is the Social Democratic Party (CSSD), which won only 6.5 per cent of the vote in the 1992 election but is now rated by

opinion polls as having more

than 22 per cent support. It is

led by Milos Zeman, a witty and popular economist who pours scorn on the "economic miracle" of the past six years. He refers to the influx of foreign investment as the "colonisation" of the economy and says that privatisation has resulted in unclear ownership, besides attracting "dirty money" from international crime and drug syndicates.

Czech industry, says Mr Zeman, is now majority-owned by the privatisation funds. These are majorityowned by the banks and the banks are majority-owned by the State. This is Czech privati-sation! We live in the country of Franz Kafka and this is a good example of it."

However, Mr Zeman does not advocate reversing the privatisation process. Rather, he proposes that there should be more management buyouts of companies and sales of company shares to employees. The social democracy of his party is firmly in the Western tradition.

The republic does still have Communist party - the Communist Party of Bohemia and Moravia (KSCM) which claims to be the successor, now committed to democ racy, of the party that clung to power from 1948 to 1989.

iloslav Ransdorf, its deputy chairman and a philosophy professor, was a boy of 15 when Soviet tanks crushed Alexander Dubček's Prague Spring reform movement. The events of 1968 were my first historical experience," he says. "It was a tragedy for us and a crime against us. But it was carried out not by true communists, but by bureaucratic socialists."

Whatever the subsequent mistakes of the Communists. Mr Ransdorf believes the present Government is making bigger ones.
The KSCM still boasts a

sizeable membership but its recent opinion-poll ratings were below 10 per cent and its prospects of increasing its vote are regarded as negligible.

"Political life in the republic is far more sophisticated than it is in the other former Eastern bloc countries," says one diplomat. The parties are identified by ideas and are effectively part of the normal European political spectrum."

nce, while waiting for Distaste a haircut and a shave, the Polish writer Antoni Sionimski was flicking through a magazine report about the funeral of the French puts new Prime Minister Aristide Bri-and, who died in 1932, Roger Boyes writes. The barber glanced at the old guard in pictures and said: "He stole what he could and then he died." This robust distaste for party politicians of any colour-ing has endured to the present. Soon after the 1989-90 upheavpower als, the daughter of a senior Solidarity politician eloped with the son of a worker; the

ture that can unlock votes. It is from (and often barely hidden also the case that the former Communists know how to network. Four decades of Central Committee sessions and local party manoeuvring have left their mark. When there are posts to be filled, the other parties scramble to find candidates. The Social Democrats, however, can position their man or woman quickly; they have a large reservoir of

ambitious young people with the right kind of credentials. Western servers have interpreted the November victory of President Kwasniewski as fresh sign of a leftward drift in Central Europe.

There is a justifiable suspicion about the former Communists. How communist are they? How former? But these questions miss the point. It

is very difficult indeed to find any trace of a leftist policy in the Polish Government. Privatisation is being push-

Jan Olszewski:

ed ahead, fears about foreign investors expressed by the PSL Peasant Party (the junior coalition partner) are swept aside. It was a former Communist who started to get to grips with Poland's huge pensions prob-lem — and this despite the fact that pensioners are the natural constituency of the former Communists.

Now, five or six years after the collapse of communism. mobile phones trill on every other restaurant table. If there is a discernible leftist approach, it is in the distance

contempt for) the Roman Catholic Church. The bishops are sure that the Social Democrats want to roll back some of the Church's gains of the past few years and, studying the party's daily newspaper, Trybuna, it is difficult to contradict the church analysts. So far, though, the anti-clerical instincts of the party have been kept in check. The election of President Kwasniewski

may have helped in this respect, for he is committed to representing the whole of Poland.

The real danger lies not so much in the return of communism — since the Social Democrats are almost devoid of ideology — but in the centralising ten-dencies of the men in power. There is a defi-

making the running nite trend to concentrate power at the top and to scratch away the authority of local government and the independence of intermediate institutions such as the univer-

sities, television and the press. Television is a case in point. Many observers expected the President to make a grab for the control of television, since he has the technical right to nominate the State Broadcasting Authority. But he has not made such an obvious step. Instead, he has let natural forces come into play.

In the day-to-day management of state television an increasing number of decisions are being referred to a certain department head - a

former Communist who was in place long before President Kwasniewski won the election. This bureaucrat is said to have a direct line to the presidential Chancellery. Power is thus being exercised behind the scenes: it is still too early, however, to make a judgment as to whether the independence of television is being

seriously undermined.
President Kwasniewski would preside over a "common Poland" and he has indeed been offering posts to politicians from the Solidarity camp. But, on the whole, the Solidarity-rooted parties have not shown any interest. So far, Lech Walesa, the defeated President, has refused even to enter the same room as the new President.

The former Solidarity hero says he will give the opposition parties until November to sort themselves out; if no progress is made, he will take the helm in time for the spring 1997 parliamentary elections. This would indeed be Mr Walesa's natural role: the champion of a united anti-Communist opposition. But the initiative is slipping away from him and more and more he seems to resemble a kind of Polish Don Quixote.

nstead, the doughty human-rights lawyer Jan Olszewski is making the running. He scored well in the around 10 per cent of the vote, a remarkable showing for a man whose brief premiership in 1992 was not covered with glory. Mr Olszewski is a credible ligure — his anti-Communist record is impeccable - who will not be boxed into a corner by Mr Walesa. Moreover his big talent is in the forging of coalitions.

If Mr Ölszewski's supporters can make common cause with the Solidarity trade union, then the Centre Right may be in with a fighting chance. But the smaller rightwing parties have a natural bent for internal squabbles. Mr Olszewski, or whoever becomes the standard bearer of the Centre Right, will have to transcend the in-fighting and work hard to polish the image of the Polish political class - for the lesson of the past 30 months is that Poles now share the view of Slonimski's barber.



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Pro-Vice-Chancellor and a project manager for the merger, says that though the college dealt with the vocational, practical side of higher education, the university concentrated more on traditional academic

lap," he explains. "But there is barely any overlap in the courses. In the 1980s we set up a federation between the two institutions ... our work is almost entirely complementary. Merger will give us an enormous resource base.

"The intention is that the merger should take place without any compulsory re-

any traditional university con-cepts will be quietly dropped into the Irwell as the new university gets into its stride. Students are referred to as customers, there is strong emphasis on developing research and partnership links with outside industry, and care is taken to design courses that will lead to a job. This is achieved by first researching and evaluating precisely what industry requires from its new

This hard-headed approach to learning is clearly apprecithe "customers" because last year 30,000 applied for the 3.000 first-year places available. And as courses are designed to suit the market that will provide the jobs, so too access to courses is being arranged to accommodate a wider range of customers. This allows higher education to be spread across any number of years.



Professor Tom Husband, the Vice-Chancellor, and below, the new high-tech building for the arts and design studies faculty



For example, a shipyard worker from Barrow-in-Furness invested all his redundancy in higher education and progressed through various qualifications to a degree that was awarded when he was

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Industry wins a flexible friend

Diloting the merger of two institutions and taking account of the hopes, fears and career prospects of more than 2000 staff is a delicate process. Much has been achieved through agreement and a sense of partnership, but ultimate responsibility for a successful union rests with Professor Torn Husband, the Vice-Chancellor of the university as it was and as it will be from next August.

His early career was almost a paradigm of the form he expects higher education to take in the years ahead. He left school at the age of 16 and began an apprenticeship as a marine engine fitter in a Clyde shipyard. Night school and a Higher National Diploma led to a course at Glasgow University at the age of 22 and the gateway to an academic career. Now aged

59. Professor Husband sees great potential in the new university structure. He said: "We will be stronger in our ability to interface with the real world, with industry, commerce

and the public services. Such a broadly based university will prove flexible and responsive to changes in the market. A substantial percentage of our income will come from industry, making us less exposed to the whims and shifts of government policy." This partnership was the driving force in teaching and

research activities, he said. Salford was at the leading edge of research in many areas, among them magnetics and optics, signal processing. building design, prosthetics and orthotics and virtual reality. The higher education scene had never been more promising, developing practical uses for the information superhighway, playing a part in technological and scientific advance and producing students equipped for a place in that challenging new world. "There may be a temporary

hiccup with a recession in

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John Squires,

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be the same in higher educa-

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to serve that market, you will

He said universities would

programme," he savs.

began in the late 1980s had worked well and led to the merger. It had, he said, simply followed a review of the best way to offer higher education in the North West. "More people have become interested in what has happened at Salford and the new university could be taken as a policy case study for others to fol-

Though there was some overlap in science work and business and management studies, the college and university staffs were largely complementary. Economies of scale would come in a single residential service, single senior management, library and information services covering both stitutions.

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alford has an excellent record of advancing the career prospects of women in male-dominated areas. Janet O'Brien, from Liverpool, went to Salford to study engineering and found herself in Tasmania studying stability problems in a 250ft catamaran. She got there by yacht, having sailed it

Her studies led to her disseriation and a first-class honours degree, followed by work as a research student into magnetron sputtering.
"It is the practical side of

engineering I enjoy," she says.
Engineering is an area in which women are outnumbered. In Tasmania there was me and 25 Australian men. " Ms O'Brien had included

Salford on her Ucas form behind Oxford, Loughborough, Newcastle and Liverpool. She says: "I had acceptances from them all; but when I went to Salford and saw the facilities. and heard of the links with industry, I chose Salford." Universities thrive on the

publicity given to their suc-cessful work. Eye-catching courses and research are what spark the interest of a news editor and attract both students and funding. But how a story is chosen and handled may put a frown on donnish brows. As one professor ruefully admitted, a project must

be "sexy" to grab headlines. Several Salford research projects have caught the imagination, notably the work into virtual reality (VR), marked by the formation on campus of a National Centre for Virtual Environments. Research into VR at Salford began in 1988 and the centre comes from the partnership between the university and the locally based virtual reality division of Intelligent Systems Solutions, which has attracted £2 million in research and development grants for academic VR projects.

At Salford, research has focused on three broad VR areas: engineering, the built environment and bio-technology. Results are made available for commercial and industrial exploitation. The centre draws from a worldwide network of VR research and is now working on creating an "incredible shrinking man" illusion, allowing humans to experience life on a microscopic scale, and interacting with molecules and

The Faculty of Media, Music Performance has deve oped a lively demand for BA

How Janet's epic voyage led to a unique research assignment in Tasmania among 25 strapping men



Janet O'Brien, a postgraduate student engineer, sailed a catamaran to Tasmania

courses in popular music and recording and band musicianship, a Higher National Diploma in jazz and popular music, a university diploma in band musicianship and, with the Faculty of Engineering, BSc course in music,

acoustics and recording. Media training was estab-lished with a joint university and college International Media Centre for research and analysis of global systems of communication and for establishing links between Britain.

Eastern Europe and America The Manchester Airport Chair of International Media, supported by a £250,000 grant from the airport, reflects the re-emergence of Greater Manchester as a media city and Salford's links with Gra-

Reuters Television. Salford has won its bid to house the prestige National Centre for Business and Ecology. The four universities of Greater Manchester - Salford, Manchester, Umist and Manchester Metropolitan worked with the Manchesterbased Co-Operative Bank to establish the centre which has appeared at a time when pressure is mounting from con-sumers and legislators for industry to be more environ-

he gaming industry offers good career prospects. The university's centre for studies in gambling and commercial gaming has been set up to research and encourage serious discussion of the in-

mentally considerate.

Healthcare has developed as an important area of training and research at Salford since the recent move to the university of the Northern College of Nursing and Midwifery and the expansion of the department of prosthetics and orthotics into a national centre for the provision of artificial limbs and support de-vices for the disabled. An honours BSc course in this area is offered to students, who are assured of a career by the sad toll of injury caused by war, terrorism and accidents.

PATHWAYS TO CHOICE AND OPPORTUNITY

s a horse might not drink when led to water, so students might not learn when they are szught. From this ele mentary truth, that individuals respond in multifarious ways to a variety of teaching methods, Salford has placed strong emphasis on offering a choice of pathways into courses and methods of presenting them.

Professor John Sanger, Pro-Vice-Chancellor in charge of teaching and learn-ing, detected a fundamental change in the pattern of earning with a larger number of mature students entering higher education, whether for the first time or to equip themselves with new skills and knowledge. Others sought higher education from a non-academic base of "life experience" and the challenge for the new university would be to serve these different strands with courses which accommodate

them without loss of quality. As a result, Salford offers thick and thin sandwich courses mixing university study with industrial experience, and providing training to Higher National Diploma level, degree and higher de-gree level along with courses taught by every manner of means from traditional lecture to Gemisis 2000, the Government Educational, Medical, Industrial and So-

cial Superhighway. Undergraduate courses are in modular format, allowing students to select a broad range of subjects be yond the unchangeable 'core" modules. Professor Sanger says: "The merger gives us the opportunity to broaden the range of subjects, which makes the university more attractive. At present there is a strong concentration on science and engineering and I think the merger will produce a much more balanced institution

with a healthy awareness of attitudes and the way that students are taught."

By 2000 16 per cent of school leavers will be study-

ing for General National Vocational Qualifications which give a different quali-fication for higher education than A levels. But with competition intensifying between universities, they will find it difficult to recruit students by simply sending them a prospectus and expecting them to fit into a fixed offering.

Salford is rallying to the need to provide tailored courses at acceptable costs based on modules and short courses. The 2 plus 2 model sandwich course was started at Salford and copied by many. "We have moved on from that to more detailed partnerships to harmonise the curriculum." Professor Sanger says. The university has won prizes from the Partnership Awards scheme.

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n 1994 Salford restrue tured its research activi-上 ties into six multidisciplinary research insti-tutes. Professor Peter Brandon, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for research, says collaboration between departments is paying off. Salford is now able very quickly to put together a handle industrial problems.

This pool of expertise is invariably in practical areas of direct use to industry in product development or, for example, in the non-clinical side of the NHS. About 1,000 postgraduate students work on a vast range of subjects. The Graduate School forms part of the Research and Graduate College and is responsible at faculty level for

all postgraduate programmes, both by the taught and the research routes. The university worked hard to be pro-active. The Design, Manufacturing and Marketing division, for example, is a product development group

working for industry. The Construct IT centre based at Salford University has become the implementation body for the Government's information technology strat-egy for the UK construction industry. About 60 leading companies along with seven other universities are co-oper-

ating in the mitiative. Construct IT is one of a number of national centres located at Salford. The centres for Business and Ecology and Virtual Environments are both gaining prestige and

financial backing as they demonstrate beneficial ways in which industrialists and academics can be brought

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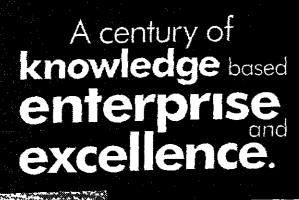
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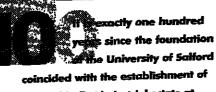
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COMPANIES



Tunnel muddies water for P&O

P&O: Tomorrow's annual profits from P&O, where Lord Sterling of Plaistow is at the helm, are expected to show the scars on the shipping-to-property group's fer-ries operation of the first full year of competition from the Channel

Mark McVicar at NatWest Securities has pencilled in a fall in final pre-tax profits to £305 million (£341.4 million), with a maintained dividend of 30.5p predicted, barely covered by earnings of 33.3p (37.6p) a share. Market forecasts range from £290 million to £320 million after a £5.7 million exceptional gain. In addition to fare wars on P&O's ferries, profits will be hit by a poor performance from the container shipping business, hurt by fierce competition and lower dollar exchange rates as well as higher fuel costs. Matters are not helped by the fact that conditions remain far from easy for the group's Bovis construction arm. In the first half, the container

business saw operating profits fall to £15.3 million (£26.8 million), while the ferry business saw first-half operating profits slip to £24.8 million (£30.7 million). Analysts are braced for the impact of the Channel Tunnel, so attention will focus on whether the company will cut some £2 billion of debt with a major disposal. There has been market talk that P&O may sell some of its property portfolio and buy some of its own shares to cut its dividend bill. There is also speculation about the possible purchase of Trafalgar House's prestige Cunard operation, which includes the QE2 liner.

INCHCAPE: A large question mark hangs over the level of dividend that will be paid when the group unveils its full-year figures today. Brokers such as UBS are cautious and are forecasting a cut to around 10p (15p). Inchcape had a difficult time of it last year with profits tumbling along with the share price, which started the year at 400p and ended at 270p. Insult was added to injury when the group was dropped as a constituent of the

top FT-SE 100 companies. The new chairman, Sir Colin Marshall, will no doubt be hoping for better things in 1996, but first he must overcome today's hurdle, with brokers having al-



Lord Sterling has a hard course to steer as the Channel Tunnel takes its toll on P&O

million. Market forecasts range from £140 million to £145 million. Clearly Sir Colin faces an uphill battle, with little sign of recovery on the horizon. The only bright spot is that the current strength of the Japanese yen should assist

KJNGFISHER: The retailing group, whose empire spans Woolworth's to Comet stores, is expected to unveil a return to profit growth when it reports on

UBS is looking for Kingfisher to turn in pre-tax profits of £280 million (£244.2 million), with a dividend of 16p (15.2p). Market forecasts range from £275 million to £285 million. The B&Q do-itthought to be experiencing harsh trading conditions. However, analysts are hoping for signs of a slight turnround at B&Q, along with better trading at the Comet

NEXT: The fashion retail chain is expected to see full-year profits, due on Thursday, expand by about a fifth. NatWest expects final pre-tax profits to rise to £123 million (£102.3 million). Market forecasts range from £122 million to £128 million.

electricals business.

The Next Directory home shopping side of the business is said to have benefited from a 24 per cent advance in sales and better trading margins. Apart from current trading and prospects, plunge in pre-tax profits to £142 in lower profits as it is still comments from Next on whether Wednesday. The UK and conti- be no dividend.

it will be expanding overseas, particularly in the US.

TRAVIS PERKINS: Today's figures from the builders' merchant kick off results from a clutch of leading building-related companies. Travis Perkins is likely to be hit by the downturn in the housing market. NatWest is looking for full-year profits to dip to E35.5 million (£38.9 million). Market forecasts range from £33 million to £37 million. A maintained dividend of 9p is expected.

CARADON: The bathroom products group has already warned the market about poorer trading and it will be no surprise if its profits plunge when the nental European markets are expected to follow the US, where markets have seen a severe downturn. BZW has pencilled in final pre-tax profits of £150 million (£20) million) before exceptionals, which analysts expect to amount to between £25 million and E30 million. Market forecasts range from £135 million

REDLAND: The building materials giant is in line for a profits slip on Thursday amid its plans to restructure. Societé Générale Strauss Turnbull expects a £4 million dip in pre-tax profits to £369 million. Market forecasts range from £342 million to £370 million. The downturn in the German housebuilding market will be partly to blame and this will dent trade at the group's Braas subsidiary.

to £165 million.

BLUE CIRCLE INDUSTRIES: The cement and home products group unveils full-year figures on Thursday, midway through a big

Blue Circle is rationalising its bathroom and heating products business while building up its production facilities in Britain and on the Continent. The traditional side of the business is also undergoing change with brokers reporting a slowdown in demand for cement from develop-

Even so, Goldman Sachs expects the group to hoist pre-tax profits to £265 million. Market forecasts range from £260 million to £277 million (£184.4 million), with a 6 per cent rise predicted in the dividend to 12.5p (11.75p). Goldman expects to see gains in the heavy building materials unit, with an increase to £245 million (£197 million), but forecasts a fall-back in home products to £48 million (£67 million). with property down to £5 million

QUEENS MOAT HOUSES: The hotels group has had a torrid couple of years and on Thursday the extent of any recovery will be revealed. Queens Moat is bound to suffer a hangover from a £1.8 billion debts mountain that required a long drawn out financial rescue by a group of banks. UBS thinks that Queens Moat will have made a £35.7 million loss last year, compared with £95.2

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Focus falls on the Fed

The main focus for the financial markets this week will be key monetary meetings in America and Germany. The Federal Open Market Committee starts its meeting in Washington tomorrow. Most analysis believe that the Fed will opt to leave US interest rates unchanged given the shock news of strong employment figures in February which sent the markets reeling. US data this week will be watched closely as the debate on the strength or weakness of the economy continues. Chief among these will be consumer confidence and durable goods orders tomorrow and Wednesday respectively.

In Germany, the Bundesbank's policymaking council meets on Thursday. Debate continues to rage about whether official German interest rates will be lowered given evident weakness in the economy. However, strong M3 numbers in February have cast some doubt on whether the German central bank will move. Nigel Richardson, head of bond research at Yamaichi International Europe, noted that several council members have been quick to point out that the M3 figure may not stand in the way of a future reduction in rates.

There is also interest in developments in the Japanese economy, given the recent release of stronger than expected growth figures for the end of last year which prompted speculation that Japan will tighten monetary policy. Figures this week include industrial production, consumer spending, construction orders and housing

In Britain, the main statistics include institutional investment for the fourth quarter, published today, and detailed figures for the fourth-quarter balance of payments and gross domestic product, released tomorrow. Final GDP growth is expected to be unchanged from the previous estimate of 0.5 per cent, giving a year-on-year growth rate in the fourth quarter of 1.9 per cent. On Friday, figures for February trade with non-European Union countries are released along with January trade with the whole world, February consumer credit and revised M4 money supply figures.

JANET BUSH

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Buy RJB Mining, SIG, Moorfield Estates, Beauford. Avoid P&O. Independent on Sunday: Buy Williams Holdings. Rackwood Minerals, Peptide Therapeutics. Avoid Babcock International. Sell Gowrings. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Electrophoretics, Williams Holdings, Sutcliffe Speakman, Wellington, Perkins, Bardon. The Observer: Buy Unitech,

Shareholders 'face £4bn gas bill'

By Christine Buckley

SHAREHOLDERS will be left to pick up the bill of up to £4 billion for British Gas's take-or-pay contract liabilities. because the company's demerger will not solve the problem.

That is the warning from Oxera, the forecasting and research organisation, which today produces a review of the biggest shake-up in energy organisation since the disbanding of the Central Electricity Generating Board.

The demerger of British Gas isolates the long-term commitments to buy gas at a higher price than it can sell it for within the British Gas Energy half. So far customers have had to hear some of the cost of the contracts under the pricing

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formula. Once there is full competition in the gas market. that cannot happen.

British Gas will either have to cut its prices severely to compete with cheaper rivals, or lose a massive amount of market share. Either way, its revenue will drop.

Barring the unlikely event

of the Government riding to the rescue, or North Sea producers relinquishing the lucrative supply deals struck with British Gas, the burden will fall to shareholders. Oxera concludes.

Further foes — multi-utili-ties which gain efficiencies

West competitive market. British Gas could potential-

ly sweep up, as the only national multi-utility, if it pushes into the open electricity market in 1998 should its national consumer base survive at a significant level.

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However, the regional electricity companies have a head start because of the different

timings of the two energy markets. Electricity companies can now jump into the opening gas market, while maintaining their local mo-nopolies of domestic

Oxera offers some hope for British Gas Energy's ability to hold its head above water amid full-blown competition

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is well-placed to take advantage of the multi-fuel market

after 1998. ☐ British Gas today creates a new executive position to counter criticism over its customer service. The company has appointed David Brooks as managing director for quality and customer service. He moves from British Gas Retail, where he was managing

Last year complaints about

British Gas more than doubled, jumping to the highest level since privatisation. Nearly 50,000 customers took grievances to the Gas Consumers Council, the industry watchdog, in 1995, a 102 per cent rise on the previous year.

EU finds support in mid-range

Half of entrepreneurs and owner-managers who run Britain's middle-sized independent companies see the European Union as an opportunity for their businesses, with only 8 per cent considering it a threat

However, opinion on a single currency is split, with 37 per cent in favour and 36 per cent opposed, according to a MORI survey, sponsored by 3i, the venture capital group, late last year. It indicates that nearly two thirds of ownermanagers work at least 50 hours per week.

Euro aid hope

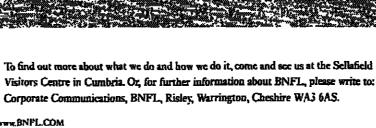
The European Commission is next week expected to clear most of a package of state aid planned by the UK authori-ties for Ford's Jaguar car plant. British sources said that, while it has cut regional aid for the plant to £40 million from £48 million, it will find other ways to keep the total package at £80 million.

Drug result

Vanguard Medica, the drugs company, is today expected to confirm completion of a successful initial Phase II clinical study with VML 251, the antimigraine compound.



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Sara McConnell reports on proposed changes to tenants' rights

A CLAMPDOWN on the activities of rogue landlords who make flat tenants' lives a misery with huge service-charge bills and intimidating and aggressive behaviour starts

James Clappison, parliamentary under secretary at the Environment Department is set to introduce a number of amendments in the Housing Bill now going through committee, which are intended to tighten existing legislation and reinforce tenants' rights.

But Labour has already attacked the proposals for not going far enough. Nick Raynsford, the Shadow Housing Minister, will introduce new clauses, of which the most important, in his view, would give tenants the right to manage their own

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Campaigners for leasehold reform are also demanding more far-reaching changes. Some support Labour's right to manage proposals, while others are calling for simplification of the complex qualifications needed by leaseholders wanting to exercise their right to buy their freehold.

John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, was forced to announce last-minute amendments to the Housing Bill in January, after media revelations of widespread flouting of tenants' rights by landlords. The

Action under way to curb landlords who flout law

revelations also highlighted the inadequacies of existing legislation, which imposes no sanctions on landlords who buy up freeholds without giving tenants their legal right of first refusal. Many of these landlords then start levying large service-charge bills.

Mr Gummer said in January: "The amounts demanded appear to be excessive in relation to the work required and the landlords can make a substantial profit by employing associated surveyors, contractors and managing agents, and earning commission." Leaseholders who challenge service charges can be met wih aggression and threatened with forfeiture of their leases, said Mr Gummer. Those who forfeit their leases face losing their homes.

If an amendment to be debated this week succeeds, landlords will not be able to threaten forfeiture of leases until a court has ruled that service charges are reasonable. Only then, if leaseholders still refuse to pay, can



Gummer: "excessive amounts"

they be threatened with forfeiture. Landlords have been using this. threat in reply to leaseholders who challenge service charges, giving them no opportunity to get an independent assessment.

Further amendments would allow by the Leasehold Valuation Tribunal

leaseholders have been afraid to take legal action against landlords because they could face large costs. The LVT does not have the power to award costs and there are no lawyers. But the Campaign Against Residential Leasehold Abuse (Carla) fears this will not stop determined landlords from appealing to the Lands Tribunal, where they would still have full right of appeal. A new Labour clause would limit LVT appeals to points of law. This would

The Government plans to check some of the most blatant abuses by making it a criminal offence for landlords not to offer leaseholders the right of first refusal if they want to sell the freehold.

prevent litigious landlords from forc-

ing tenants through repeated court

Many freeholds have been sold at auction for a few thousand pounds behind the backs of leaseholders. Local authorities will have the power

to prosecute landlords if they flout the law. But critics point out that the power is discretionary and many cash-strapped local authorities will be reluctant to act.

The Government counters that its amendments would also give leaseholders more time to buy the freehold from a new landlord if they did discover that the freehold had been sold without their knowledge. But there will be no redress for those whose landlords have already ignored the law unless they are still within the time limits for buying the freehold from their new landlord.

The same will apply in cases where large landlords have claimed they can sell the freehold and leave it to the new landlord to offer the freehold to the leaseholders. The Court of Appeal ruled last month, in the case of Smith's Charity, that this was unlawful but its ruling comes too late

The Government has rejected calls for leaseholders to be allowed the right to manage, arguing that this presents too many technical difficulties. Instead, in an extension of its original proposal, leaseholders will be able to ask the courts to appoint a manager if the existing one either makes or has a history of making unreasonable service charge

GILT-EDGED

Will economy play its old trick again?

s there any danger that the Government will repeat the policy errors of previous business cycles? The widening of the spread between bond yields in the UK and Germany since the last cut in base rates suggests that gilt-market partici pants are concerned.

Most ingredients of lateycle overheating are in place: a government concerned about re-election: a Chancellor who believes that the economy's ability to grow in a non-inflationary way has increased; and the prospect of an unanticipated surge in demand (from various windfall gains benefiting house-holds). Most probably, these ingredients will ensure some build-up of inflation pressures from later this year. However, the increased role of the Bank of England should ensure that the cyclical deterioration in inflation is less than on past occasions.

In addition to the political ressure to cut interest rates further, the Chancellor has a well articulated economic case for an easier monetary stance. He believes that the potential growth rate of the economy — the rate at which non-inflationary growth can be sustained — is well above the recent pace of actual GDP growth of 2 per cent. In addition, he believes that there is ample spare capacity, so the economy can enjoy a period of above-potential growth. (The similarity between these views and those of Nigel Lawson in the mid-1980s is striking.)

In our view, the Chancellor is overly optimistic about the economy's potential growth rate and the amount of slack. There is little evidence that the economy has greater capacity to grow in a non-inflationary way now increase in the potential growth tate has to come rom faster growth in the capital stock or the labour force. Neither of these is happening at present. Sluggish growth in the capital stock is not only directly evident from investment data, but also apparent from the relationship between output growth and the change in capacity utilisation. If the economy's potential growth rate had increased, more output could be produced for any given change in capacity utilisation. In fact, the relationship between output and capacity utilisation has not

changed in the past decade. Turning to the labour force, there is even less reason to be optimistic about growth rate. During the 1980s, the labour force grew by an average of 0.8 per cent each year, because of the maturing 1960s baby boom and the strong increase in women seeking paid employment. In sharp contrast. in the past five years, the labour force has shrunk by an average of 0.2 per cent each year, as population growth has slowed and participation rates have fallen.

The economy's potential growth rate is thus no higher than in the 1980s. The Chancellor is also overly optimistic about the amount of spare capacity. It is hard to gauge slack, but there is no direct measure that suggests that there is much left. Survey measures of capacity utilisation rates for equipment are above the averages of the last business cycle, and measures of labour utilisation - the unemployment rate, the vacancy rate, overtime hours, short-time working, and survey measures of skilled labour shortiges — are near the average of the last cycle.

The Chancellor's economic views dovetail nicely with the political imperative to boost rowth ahead of an election. În addition, we have the prospect of a substantial addtion to demand from windfall gains boosting house-holds' incomes by about 5 per cent. In times past, this would have added up to anoverheated economy and a rise in inflation. The question today is whether the new monetary regime will prevent this happening. Most likely, the damage will be limited, although probably not completely prevented.

Bank of England does not share the Chancellor's approach to monetary potential growth rate and the amount of spare capacity. Rather, he tooks at the current pace of growth and "cost pressures" — commodity prices, the exchange rate.

producer prices, and wages. Although this approach may prove reactive, rather than proactive, in the face of a surge in demand, this may not matter too much. The Bundesbank's success in keeping inflation down does not rely on forecasting inflation two years ahead. Rather. it depends on a prompt response when inflation starts to rise.

DAVID MACKIE

Work patterns are 'leading to more accidents'

MODERN technology and the ability to do business 24 hours a day have created a worldwide health and safety crisis which impairs employees' performance, a leading American physiologist has

Companies treat their machines better than the people who operate them and accidents caused by human error cost the US economy over \$70 billion last year, according to Martin Moore-Ede, of Har-

He will tell insurers this week that requiring people to work all hours of the day and night at jobs that are less stimulating and more tiring has led to an increase in risks. liabilities and insurance costs.

At the 13th annual conference for the Association of Insurance and Risk managers. Dr Moore-Ede will say that disasters such as those at Chernobyl and Bhopal occurred during the night. "a period when human beings

Too few firms have a training budget

provide adequate staff train- problem. The research ing, even though nearty half manufacturing and 40 per cent of business services firms claim they are suffering from serious skills short-

ages (writes Patricia Tehan). According to research published today by Lloyds Bank. compiled from responses from a panel of 350 small firms, only eight per cent of firms set aside money for staff training, preferring to train in response to a particu-

UK businesses are failing to lar managerial or technical shows 79 per cent of firms regard training as a priority but fail to act. It found 10 per cent of firms worry that it enables staff to get jobs elsewhere and a quarter prefer to buy in readytrained staff.

Manufacturers were least likely to have a training budget, with only 3 per cent doing so, compared with 7 per cent of retail firms and 13 per cent business services firms.

tions in alertness". He said: "It is no coincidence that accidents such as the Clapham Junction railway collision occurred when people had been working extended hours.

'Unlike our sophisticated machinery and equipment, the human body was not designed to work around the clock, to shift sleep and work schedules rapidly or to work irregular or extended hours. Errors in judgment cause

over 6,000 fatalities from work injuries in the US every year. Human error has risen to where it now represents the cause of 90 per cent of all property and casualty loss. The most highly sophisticated pieces of machinery in the plant are not the complex electronic man-made systems but the bodies and brains of the human operators.

He said an Alertness Assurance Process, developed in the US, could diagnose specific causes of fatigue and introduce appropriate remedies.

The conference in Nottingham includes kevnote speakers General Sir Peter de la Billière, Robert Heller, the iournalist, George Nixon, director of the Willis Corroon Group, and Dennis White, chief executive for the UK and Ireland of Zurich Insurance.



Hans Snook, managing director of Orange, which has attracted huge interest from investors

Orange may pip 200p mark

By Eric Reguly

THE initial public offering of Orange, the mobile-phone network owned by Hutchison Whampoa of Hong Kong and British Aerospace, is likely to be sold at the top end of its indicated price range because it is already eight times

oversubscribed. Orange last month said the price per share would range from 175p to 205p, valuing the

company between £2.2 billion and £2.45 billion. The price, to be set on Wednesday, is likely

to be at least 200p.
Orange is to sell 325 million shares, reducing Hutchison's ownership from 68 per cent to 50 per cent, and BAe's from 32 per cent to 23 per cent. Orange has granted Goldman Sachs and Kleinwort Benson, the underwriters, the option of

selling an extra 49 million shares, to satisfy demand. If fully exercised, this over-allotment would take Hutchison's ownership down to 50 per cent and BAe's to 22 per cent.

If the shares rise after they are priced, there is a good chance of Orange becoming a FT-SE 100 company. A market capitalisation of £2.5 billion is the index's threshold level.

annual conference was print-

ed just before Peter Middle-

ton abruptly resigned his

£250,000 a year post as chief

executive of Lloyd's last Nov-

ember, to be replaced by Ron

Sandler. Mr Middleton is

cited as Lloyd's after-dinner

speaker. "We printed the bro-

chures in October and just

couldn't afford a reprint,"

explains Ina Barker, Airmic's

executive director. "Happily

Mr Sandler has agreed to give the speech instead."

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Payment of Dividend

The 42nd Annual General Meeting of our shareholders passed the resolution to pay a dividend for the fiscal year 1994/95 of DM 10.00 per share of DM 50.00 par value.

Payment will be effected against presentation of coupon No. 8. Payment on DM 10.00 Deposit Certificales will be effected at the rate of DM 2.00 against presentation of coupon No. 35.

Both payments are subject to deduction of 26.875 % of German Withholding Tax (including solidarity surlax). United Kingdom Income Tax will be deducted at the rate of 5 % unless claims are accompanied by an affidavit. German Withholding Tax exceeding 15 % is recoverable by United Kingdom residents. The Company's United Kingdom Paying Agents will, upon request, provide the appropriate form for

Paying Agents in the United Kingdom are: SBC Warburg, N.M. Rothschild & Sons, National Westminster Bank PLC.

The net amount of dividend in respect of the DM 50.00 shares is payable at the rate of exchange on the day of presentation.

Claims concerning DM 10.00 Deposit Certificates should be lodged at National Westminster Bank PLC, NatWest Investments, Centralised Securities Office, Juno Court, 24 Prescot Street, London, E1 88B. on special forms obtainable from that Office.

United Kingdom Banks and Members of the Stock Exchange should mark payment of the dividend in Space No. 35 provided on the back of the certificate. All other claimants must complete the special form and present this at the above address together with the certificates for marking by the National Westminster Bank PLC. Postal applications cannot be accepted.

The net payment in respect of DM 10.00 Deposit Certificates will be made in sterling at the rate of exchange on or shortly after the due date.

Düsseldorf, March 1996



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Back with the old firm

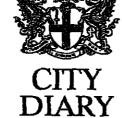
AFTER his brief stint as a Tory spin doctor, Hugh Colver is back at British Aerospace as a consultant. Colver, who resigned as head of defence at BAe's press office when Locksley Ryan was appointed over him as chief wallah, has added to his CV in the meantime. He is said to have been behind Land Rover winning the army ambulance order over Steyr of Austria. He now leads BAe's campaign to replace the RAF's Nimrods.

IN SPITE of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry into BT's Yellow Pages. the matter of whether it is a trade or generic name must merit more research. It lists where the document can be obtained, adding in brackets

rates will apply:

First Direct is a division of Midland Bank pic

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"see Yellow Pages". Or any other telephone directory?

Staked out

STAKEHOLDERS were banished from NatWest's annual report this year in an attempt to break away from

jargon, and not to distance itself from Tony Blair and the Labour Party, the bank was at pains to explain. Last year it was ahead of its time with a fair sprinkling of references to stakeholders. Sleep on it

IN the US, the land of the power breakfast, a survey of Fortune 1000 presidents and vice-presidents has revealed

that getting up late is good for you. Those in bed by 9pm and who rise at fam lead less healthy lives, take more sick days, and see their families less than normal people. The rest of us are more relaxed, healthier and far wealthier.

Unlucky 13

HOW unfortunate for the Association of Insurance and Risk Managers that the brochure for their thirteenth

lance Service was jammed with calls from readers in search of a copy of the report, sponsored by business advisers BDO Stoy Hayward.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 31 AXIOPISTY

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instructors and chalet-girls. ABNEGATE (c) To deny oneself, from the Latin abnegare to deny strongly. Easily confused with such words that sound almost the same

(b) Faint-heartedness, from the Latin for having too little mind or confidence. Not quite a synonym for cowardice. A favourite word of Samuel Johnson. "The difficulty lies in

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Loans of up to £49,999 7.49% pa 7.24% pa

Loans of £50,000 and above agreed after 8 July 1991 7.34% pa 7.09% pa Mortgage and Home Improvement Loan agreements will be varied accordingly,

Equity Release Loan

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Loans of £50,000 and above 7.34% pa 7.09% pa If a mortgage is held which is not with First Direct:

All loan amounts 9.49% pa 9.24% pa

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7.49% pa 7.24% pa

(a) Someone who has fled to the mountains and renounced civilisation and society. Originally applied to wild men of Mexico and the Southern States. Today applicable to ski-

as abrogate (repeal), derogate (detract), abdicate (renounce, and arrogate (claim). Despite appearances, abrogate is not the antonym of arrogate. PUSILLANIMITY

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Priority claims at **BCCI** to be fought

By Patricia Tehan

The liquidators of the collapsed Bank of Credit & Commerce International are in the High Court today to try to defeat an attempt by four groups of creditors who are demanding payment of claims, running into hundreds of millions of dollars, before other creditors.

If the four are successful their claims could delay payment of a first dividend in the liquidation of BCCI due in May or June.

BCCl collapsed in July 1991 with liabilities of \$14 billion. The liquidators, from Deloitte & Touche, have reduced the liabilities to \$10 billion and, after a settlement negotiated with the Abu Dhabi authorities last year, have been planning to make a payment of about 20p in the pound.

But a group of Islamic banks, headed by the Fisal Islamic Bank, are claiming priority before other creditors. Employees represented by the BCCI employees campaign committee are seeking priority over employee benefit funds

BCC1 purportedly set up. The IML, the Luxembourg monetary authority, which is being sued by BCCI's Luxembourg liquidators, is making a priority claim as part of that action, arguing any claim it faces would be cut if the English and Luxembourg liquidators had sued the Abu Dhabi authorities.

The fourth claim is on behalf of the Panamanian Government, claiming money taken out of the Panama Treasury and washed through BCCI can be traced to funds recovered in the liquidation.

Stephen Akers, a partner in Deloitte & Touche, said: "We will fight these claims to the fullest extent because they represent queue jumpers. It is important that we succeed to maximise the available dividend to ordinary creditors." BCCI has an estimated 100,000 creditors world-

wide, 35,000 in the UK. The liquidators have made net recoveries of \$3.3 villion since the collars and Deloitte & Touche is planning to release about \$2 billion including funds from the \$1.8 billion Abu Dhabi compensation deal to creditors. The rest will be retained to fund litigation against third parties including the IML, the Bank of England and BCCI's auditors.

Inflation fall has yet to shrink pay award rates

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

per cent or more.

of the electronics sector.

three months ago.

unpopular. The reason, as this

new MSF survey shows, is

there is a feel-bad climate."

LOWER inflation is yet to make any impact on pay settlements in Britain, a new study of wage deals suggests today. The findings of the independent study will cause concern about the continuing inflationary potential of pay. In spite of stable average earnings growth, economic monitors such as the Bank of England have made clear their worries about the impact on inflation of rising pay deals, and their implications for interest rates.

In an analysis of more than 200 pay deals this year incomes Data Services, the independent pay study group, says lower inflation has not had any significant impact on pay deals. New Government figures last week showed a new fall in retail price inflation.

But in its latest pay report, IDS says in the run-up to the busy bargaining period of April, pay settlement levels are holding steady in a "going range" of 3-4 per cent, despite a fall in inflation to below 3 per

IDS says: "What is clear is that the inflation rate of just over 3 per cent in the last months of 1995 has cast a long shadow into 1996, and that the levels of settlements reached in January have an influence on what happens in subsequent months. Many employers set budgets for pay in 1996 at the end of 1995, when a different inflationary climate was in place."

The pay report says that more than nine out of 10 of the pay deals recorded so far this year are giving above infla-tion rises of 3 per cent or more. A majority of current increases are higher than they were a year ago, with a "significant proportion" of deals for more than 4 per cent.

Equally, there are what IDS describes as "distinctly fewer" deals below 3 per cent compared with the first quarter of last year, though it says the Government's decision to stage the pay review awards for 1.5 million public sector employees suggests that ministers will try to maintain a 3 per cent ceiling for much of the public sector, at least this year.

Sectorally, the pay analysis says that the overall going range masks a spread of rises. While only one in 10 of deals struck in the retail sector, for instance, is for an increase of 4 per cent or more, in the financial services sector al-



MSF, the white-collar union, says job security remains the principal concern at work

Bosses worried over education of job applicants

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BUSINESS believes educational standards in Britain's schools are now bordering on crisis, with as many as fourfifths of directors concerned over basic literacy and numeracy skills of job applicants.

The findings of a new study of Britain's bosses' views about educational performance come before the Government's publication on Wednesday of its inquiry into the education of 16-19 yearolds, headed by Sir Ron Dearing. The Dearing report is expected to prompt strong criticism of Britain's educational performance and stan-dards, although Gillian Shephard, Education and Employment Secretary, will argue in reply this week that the Government has to know the full extent of the UK's educational problems to address

them properly.

Before the Dearing report, the Institute of Directors says today the findings of its study of company heads' views on the UK's educational performance have created "some alarm."It says a "staggering" 79 per cent of company directors are now concerned with basic reading, writing and arithmetical standards of people applying for jobs.

While UK competitiveness has been improved over the past 15 years, the institute says, "on education it seems to us there have been major failures of policy — yes, bor-dering on crisis — and we can only see these failures holding back our country and its prosperity." Seventy-six per cent of IoD members surveyed see education as the primary means of improving national

Ruth Lea, IoD policy head, says: "Basic literacy and numeracy skills should, in normal circumstances, be regarded as the minimum re-quirements for employability. But there seems to have been an uncanny silence on this whole subject, even though many international studies have shown up our relatively poor educational achievements.

The institute says that though official figures suggest pass rates are rising, its members see declining educational standards, suggesting "grade inflation". Fifty-four per cent of company directors are concerned about A level standards, and 70 per cent about GCSEs. Directors believe a good third of graduates, too, are unsuitable for employers' needs, and a third believe that there are now too many.

Insurer highlights 'inflated' claims

By Marianne Curphey

SOME claims by Welsh fishermen for hardship payments after the oil spill from the Sea Empress damaged their indus-try are "grossly inflated", the ship's insurer said yesterday.

Skuld, the Norwegian marine insurer, said it had paid a total of £65,593 to seven claimants out of 11 claims submitted so far. The insurer has approved a further £20,000 which is yet to be paid. Jonathan Hare, of Skuld's

legal department, said that although the amounts approved for payment were "sig-nificantly lower" than the amounts claimed, they were not low in relation to the ciaimants' previous earning In a letter to Gareth Wardell, MP, chairman of the House of Commons Welsh Affairs Committee, Mr Hare suggested that some fishermen were signing blank forms

which were completed by

MPC, a loss-adjusting firm,

and submitted without their knowledge as to the contents.

Mr Hare cited the example

of a whelk fisherman, who

had produced details of catches for the previous six months showing an average gross income of £470 per week. The amount Skuld has approved for payments to cover a one-month period is £2,500, but the MPC claim for the same period was £18,000.

A spokesman for MPC said the company was happy for an independent arbitrator to review claims. MPC is operating on a no-win no-fee basis.



Wardell: letter from Skuld

Trio join up as trading flourishes

THE Alternative Investment Market continues to flourish. The number of companies listed on the market for smaller and growing companies has expanded to 132 after nine months, capitalising it at £2.59 billion, with £186.7 million raised since June.

Dealings begin today in First Information Group (FIG), the independent multimedia production company specialising in CD-Roms for the consumer market. FIG is raising £6.6 million, capitalising it at £37 million. Dealings in Easynet Group, the Internet service provider, are finally due to start on Wednesday after a delay blamed on heavy oversubscription. Systems Integrated Research (SiR), the multimedia educational software group, also joins AIM this week. A placing by Durlacher, at 115p a share,

is set to raise about £3 million of new money, capitalising SiR at about £15.4 million. Also AIM-bound this month is Dicom Group, a distributor of document image processing equipment that plans to raise up to £7 million, through a placing by Henderson Crosthwaite, capitalising it at £26 million.

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B&Q chief likely to go this week

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

KINGFISHER, the retail conglomerate is set this week to axe Jim Hodkinson, the head of its struggling B&Q chain of do-it-yourself stores. He will be fifth director to leave Kingfisher in the past two years. Mr Hodkinson is understood to have fallen out with

Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy, Kingfisher's chief executive, over the strategy of expanding B&Q by opening a string of giant warehouse stores. Sir Geoffrey, worried about costs, has put a brake on the

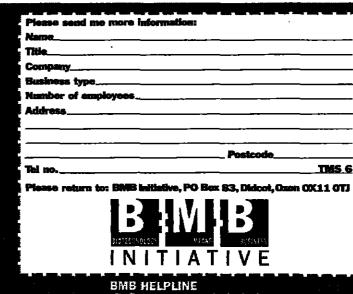
Although Sir Geoffrey has not made a final decision on Mr Hodkinson's future, he is expected to do so before Wednesday, when B&Q, Britain's largest DIY retailer, is expected to show profits down from £80 million to £55 million for the past financial year. Kingfisher as a whole is expected to report a growth in profit to about £280 million. Kingfisher, which also owns

Woolworths, Comet, Darty and Superdrug, infuriated its investors last year by paying £2.7 million compensation to four directors who left the company after a restructuring. Nigel Whittaker, the former director of corporate affairs, received almost £1 million, w<u>hil</u>e former Alan Smith, chief executive, was paid £850,000 compensation.

Mr Hodkinson, who is paid about £300,000 a year, would be expected to receive a similarly large pay-off.

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something they could sell. And how you too could benefit from similar advice.



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mericans tell a cautionary A marketing tale. In the early 1970s, Schlitz Brewing, then second to Budweiser in the US beer market, cut costs by using processed ingredients and halving its brewing cycle. Profits boomed in 1973 and management was lauded on Wall Street for being smarter than its rival. Why build in traditional quality if customers don't notice? But customers do eventually notice, however much advertisements lie. By the end of the decade, Schlitz was the number seven brand. Its shares fell 90 per cent before a smaller brewer stepped in to the rescue.

If Schlitz was a disaster, it is worse when a food synonymous with Britain is banned on the Continent. scorned by les rosbifs at home and rejected by McDonald's. British beef is not a single product, let alone a company brand like Schlitz, but the ruin facing this complex industry stems from the same mistake.

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In the book Brand Power, Bradley Gale writes: "Brand power is essentially the power of customer-perceived quality." Using quality inputs and proper processes is as central to marketing as packaging and promotion. To progress, industry seeks to make things cheaper as well as better. But cutting costs at the expense of quality is a dangerous game.

in a meat market that came to be dominated by powerful buyers lording over small sellers, ever more pressure was exerted to keep costs down. Cattle products were treated as a commodity, whose quality

Put customers first to get the beef back in les rosbifs

seemed irrelevant for most uses. The Ministry of Agriculture was the ultimate guardian of the British beef brand, but, as so often, a Government that browbeats others to put customers first, put them last itself. The BSE story, and the "scares" that have punctuated it, is less a medical saga than a marketing one.

Having eschewed the well-tried slaughter policy of dirigiste days, ministers had to keep telling customers that they were wrong. This absurdity required a myopic mental cartel of the Treasury, BSE-hit farmers and suppliers, along with customers such as food retailers and fast-food groups who should have known better. How else could minority products such as ox-tongue just be written off?

If these interests had not concertrated on maintaining the status quo by hectoring customers, competitive market forces would have resolved matters by now. Good meat from certified BSE-iree herds would have driven out the bad. Milk, beef and hamburgers would cost more. Dairy farming, which depends on the income from selling calves, would be in deep trouble, requiring bridg-



smaller, more profitable beef industry would be returning to health and most of the £600 million export

market would have been saved. Not for nothing did Perrier respond to a loss of consumer confidence by having its entire stocks treated as industrial waste by a water company. Perrier was saved. British beef is a dead brand. Like Ratners, it has a negative value. The sooner it is buried the better.

That need not mean we abandon British cattle-farming, lose about 1 per cent of the national income, force sterling down and inflate prices. To rebuild, however, the industry must

force should be set up that includes marketing rather than medical experts. It needs to act fast if markets are not to be lost permanently to imports. Catering markets may already.be a gonner. Roasting beef and steak producers

should never have been tarred with the BSE brush; most herds are free of it. They should find it easiest to adjust. The essential change, I fancy. will be to move from a commodity approach to direct supply relationships. This is bad news for cattle markets. But it is the only way to trace meat reliably and will help farmers to reverse decline in quality.

In place of "British beef", new trustworthy brands must fill the vacuum. Some will be big supermarkets and butchers, who already play with premium ranges. These will be matched by producer groups with common standards and policing, controlled breed groups such as Aberdeen Angus Producers (Scotland), organic herds policed by the Soil Association, assurance schemes such as the Scottish Quality Beef and Lamb Association, and cooperatives. Those who can guarantee that their herds have been fed animals and have never had BSE. should market themselves as a new product. To cut completely adrift, they might give the word beef a rest in favour of steer, bullock or heifer, or a breed. Some certified meat aimed at continental markets could

be diverted to a new home market. To go much further, however, the Government needs to change its stance and help. As in business, change will only be credible if heads roll, regardless of blame. If politicians do not volunteer, the chief medical officer would be a good start. He has lost public confidence.

Certification of BSE-free herds needs to be tighter and better enforced to beat growing fraud. A new labelling scheme should, perhaps, separate meat raised in closed, organically farmed herds, mainstream dedicated beef herds and fattened dairy calves. In these cases, quality and lack of risk go together. Customers already demand different ranges of eggs.

This will be of little avail, however, unless the public is convinced that BSE will be eradicated quickly and that no high-risk meat is sold Meat outside approved categories should be banned from human food, infected dairy herds quarantined and mass slaughter begun.

This will cost taxpayers a packet. so a tax-cutting Chancellor may re-gret cutting his contingency reserve to the bone. But politicians need to save dairy farmers even if beef is sliced in half. On the street, mothers are already muttering about milk.

volunteer any funds to the £2.8

billion package. An extra £100

million is being chipped in by the brokers and this figure is

unlikely to rise as they are not

Then comes the accountan-

cy firms, who are embroiled in

legal actions as a result of their

role as auditors to the syndi-

cates. The firms are offering

£100 million but the names

want upwards of £200 million.

If they don't lift their offer,

then there is a very real chance

that they will not remain part

of the settlement offer, leaving

names free to pursue them

Auditors should take note

that their potential liability

could be massive as Equitas,

the new reinsurance compay

being set up by Lloyd's to take

over liabilities for risks written

in 1992 and prior years, is deemed to be £1.9 billion short

of funds. This shortfall repre-

senting the under reserving of

syndicates. There is of course

the need to prove liability,

which Merrett has already

The remaining £100 million

could be in the form of an

external loan, which will be

Lloyd's is running out of

repaid by the future market.

time. If it wants to send names

their final bills in May, then

negotiations have to be conclud-

ed next month because it takes

so long for the complex process

of calculating each name's fi-nality bill to be completed.

The question Lloyd's has to

address is which demand, if

any, does it need to give into to secure names' help? Each of

the various factions have the

power to jeopardise the offer

but identifying those that don't

stand to lose from rejecting the

offer is the key.

One critical element is that

all the action groups are inter-

linked because litigants tend to

be members of several action

groups. As a result, the bulk are likely to act as a herd, with

the direction dictated by

successfully done.

through the courts.

involved in any litigation.

RADIO CHOICE

Top scorers for Oscars

Ken Russell's Movie Classics. Classic FM, 7.00pm

Tonight is Oscars night in Hollywood. This gives Russell a golden opportunity to play extracts from the film scores nominated for an opportunity to play extracts from the fluid scores from fluid an Academy Award. He puts them into the nostalgic context of Oscar-winning scores from the past. I have greater expectations for Patrick Doyle's music for Sense and Sensibility than he has. Its polka theme. is sheer delight. I also fancy James Horne's threnodic, almost hymnlike music from Apollo 13. John Williams's score for Nixon is as hugely orchestrated as his work on Star Wars, a 1977 award winner, 1 was much taken by Luis Bacalov's use of accordion, harp and guitar in the short extract Russell plays from II Postino.

Radio 2 National Big Band Competition All-Winners Concert. Radio 2, 8.00pm.

Already seven times winners in its class. Midland Youth Jazz Orchestra has chalked up its eighth success in the senior section of this year's big band competition. The trophy in the junior class has gone to Chetham's School of Music Big Band, from Manchester, which has been runners-up for the past two years. Both bands and the winning soloists can be heard in tonight's all-winners concert. It was recorded recently at the Golders Green Hippodrome in London. Did the winning bands' track record predispose the jury in their Did the winning bands track recordings they heard could not in any favour? Emphatically not. The recordings they heard could not in any period of the property
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9.00 Morning Collection with
Peul Gambaccini. Includes
Bach (Brandenburg Concerto
No 1 in F, BWV 1046)

Musical Encounters. Includes 10.15 Artist of the Week: Kathryn Stott, plano. Liszt (Concert Study No 1, il Igmento); 11.10 Sibelius

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(Sonata in C); Schumann
(Fentasy in C, Op 17)
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Storybox 2.25 Let's Move
2.45 First Steps in Drama
3.00 The BBC Orchestras. The BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Grant Liewellyn performs Beethoven

geroms becanoven (Symphony No 7 in A) 3.45 Sophile Yates. Includes works by Henry Purcall 4.30 Blue Angels, Blue Devils, with Brian Morton (3/6)

5.00 The Music Machine 5.15 in Tune. Bach (Fugue in G minor, BWV 578) 6.03 Ireland

(A London Overture):

No 2 in D minor) 7.30 EBU International Concert Season. Live from Henry Wood Haff in Glasgow. Geoffrey Baskerville Introduces, James Crabbe, accordian, John Wallace, trumpet, and the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Elgar Howarth. Alasdair Nicholson (Breakdanca); Lye Cresswell (Dragspil) 8.20 Brian Morton looks at the

McGuire (Calgacus); James MacMillan (Epiclesis) 9.30 Young Poets 9.40 Goyescas. The piano cycle by Granados

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7.00 News 7.05 The Archera
7.20 The Food Programme, with
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7.45 The Monday Play: Here Be
Dragons, by Stewart Love
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James, a teacher who loses his sense of purpose after he is made redundant. With Mark Mulhofland and Tim Loane (1) 8.45 How Music Can Change the World. David Huckvale explores the music of the Native Americans
9.30 Kalektoscope (r) 9.59

Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Picnic at
Henging Rock, by Joan
Lindsay (6/10) (r)
11.00 A Week in the Life, Seven

days in the life of Veronica who is a model (r)

11.30 Uncle Dynamite, by P.G. Wodehouse Starring Richard Briers and Hugh Grant, with narration by Paul Eddington. The comic story of Eddington. The comic story of a young man's uncle, who is eccentric to say the teast, who decides to visit London to "instruct" his much-loved nephew. With Jacqueline Tong, John Evitis and Felicity Montague (r) 12.00 News 12.27am Weather 12.30 The Late Books Metroland, by Julian Barnes (6/10) 12.46 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Sarvice

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put customers first. An industry task ing aid from taxpayers. But a naturally, closed to doubtful outside

Sarah Bagnall assesses the chances of names accepting a final settlement

Gamble Lloyd's must win

loyd's of London resembles a drowning man who knows the next time he is sucked beneath the waves he will not resurface. All is not lost, however, as near by rests a gleaming rescue boat, ready for action. But there is a problem. The captain is threatening to ignore the hapless man's cries for help unless he extracts certain concessions and promises.

Lloyd's has to decide whether to believe the captain and his crew of Lloyd's names. Will names throw Lloyd's a lifeline by accepting the market's £2.8 billion settlement offer, or will they reject it in preference for the choppy seas of life without Lloyd's as we know it?

The inner sanctum at Lloyd's is quietly confident that enough names will accept the offer to make it feasible, while names' representatives whisper that unless several difficulties are sorted out there is a chance that names may relegate it to the rubbish tip.

The fundamental problem is that eradicating many of the perceived problems costs money — a commodity that is far from abundant at Lloyd's. Take the litigating names first. The realistic and sensible members of this batch of names, which is sizeable and powerful, believe the offer should be increased by about E600 million — an extra slug of funds that would be deployed to redress three aspects of the £2.8 billion offer they believe are

misguided or plainly unfair. The first element to cause disquiet is the £800 million of the £2.8 billion that is being offered to litigating names as an out-of-court settlement. Some names have been shocked to find that they are worse off under the latest offer than they were under the earlier, and rejected, £900 million offer of 1993.

This is particularly true for Gooda Walker and Feltrim names who between them were offered the lion's share of the previous £900 million offer, but this time are being offered only compensation for about 32 per cent of their losses.

The extra twist to the tale is that since the first offer, both these action groups have won significant damages from the courts, payable in tranches over a period of time as the relevant syndicates pay out claims. The first payments have aiready been made and are sitting in bank accounts waiting until Lloyd's light for survival founders or succeeds.

The intriguing aspect is that the amount languishing in bank accounts is the same as, litigating fund. In the case of duce their liabilities to the



Feltrim Names Association it has an estimated £130 million in an escrow account and has been offered £130 million of the settlement fund. As a result, the action groups argue the pot needs to be bumped up by 25 per cent to about £1 billion to make the litigation payments worth accepting.

Allied with this wrinkle is the pending legal ruling on whether Lloyd's is able to change names' premium trust deeds so that it can receive any litigation awards direct, rather than the names. The change was made because Lloyd's wanted to avoid running the risk of names collecting their compensation and then using it to pay off other debts. Many names took out bank loans and guarantees against their homes to pay their early Lloyd's debts and may want to repay these liabilities before Lloyd's. If the courts rule that Lloyd's is not permitted to collect any damages awards directly, then the insurance market faces a po-

tential cash crisis. The demands don't stop there. The balance of the £2.8 billion offer is the £2 billion of debt credits that Lloyd's is distributing to names to reinsurance market. Names like the aim but dislike the method of calculating how the credits should be distributed.

Under the offer Lloyd's has opted to deduct a name's litigation receipt before determining whether he is entitled to any debt credits. For some names this deduction means they fail to qualify for debt credits or in most cases the

name's debt credit is markedly reduced. Crudely put, names who have litigated ing from haveven if they have won their court actions.

will sail by The solution proposed is that the debt credits should be allocated without deducting the litigation receipts. It is not clear how much this would cost, but

estimates put it at about £200 That accounts for E400 million of the extra £600 million that names are demanding. The remaining £200 million is the estimated cost of reducing the cap on a name's final liability. Currently names' bills are capped at £100,000 a level that is deemed too high by many names' representatives. Arguments have raged for several months that the limit should be reduced to £50,000. The cost of this would be about £200 million assuming demands for an

extra £400 million of funds has been met. The market's ongoing names have very dif-If Lloyd's is wrong, the which involves yet wore good ship money. Those

names that Salvation were still underwriting in 1993, 1994 and 1995 are being

fund the settlement offer through a special levy. This special levy effectively obliterates much of the their profit for those years. Furthermore, for the members of the High Premium Group, underwriting more than il million, the levy is far from being small change. As a result, ongoing names argue that if name's are getting a cap on their liabilities then why can't they have a cap the brokers and the accoun-

extra £600 million-plus is the ommissions underwriters, who insured the Lloyd's agents that have been found negligent in court, are refusing to budge from their contribu-tion of £800 million. Their arguments against paying more are not without foundation, in contrast to the agents who are likewise digging in their heels in about paying

more than £200 million. But names have little sympathy as the payment will come out of agents' profit commissions for 1993, 1994 and 1995, which together exceed £600 million. Furthermore, as names are paying £450 million through the special levy, the agents are per-

ceived as having got off lightly. This is one issue that unites all names. They want the Lloyd's agents to double their contribution and if the agents baulk, names are planning to call an extraordinary meeting to try to scare them into lifting their offer. This may cajole agents into providing £200 million of the extra £600 million desired. The other sources of extra funds include

Feltrim and Gooda Walker, the two bigget action groups. The membership of these action groups overlap and as a result probably total about 4,000. All the members of an action group are bound by the wishes of a simple majority, so if 2,001 Gooda Walker and Feltrim

names reject the offer, the

likelihood is the whole settle-

ment will founder. The gamble for Lloyd's is whether the lure of finality -the chance for names to put the past behind them and not be faced with any more past bills — outweighs the gripes over the inadequacy of the £2.8 billion. Or does it need to find more? If Lloyd's gets it wrong. then the good ship Salvation will sail on, leaving Lloyd's to sink beneath the waves.

Tonight at 7.00 pm, children come out to play. EEC The Keyboard Final, on BBC2. BBC Young Musicians '96 Events. Lloyds Bank

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Second helpings are not quite as satisfying

can be a discouraging moment. Supplied with the plot so far", viewers are sometimes surprised to learn that though they watched Hamish Macbeth (BBCI) or Band of Gold in its complex entirety, the story can be reduced to a few yelled lines, artfully spliced. "I love you, Hamish!" exclaimed the unrequired Isabel last night, putting us fully in the picture, Isabel-wise, "Will you marry me. Hamish?" asked Alexandra. The last series left Hamish in a dilemma here, with a puzzled look on his wee pixie face, so the love triangle needed explication. But was this the whole story? Those of us still clutching damp hankies for Wee Jock were doubly hurt. Dog interest is down. Last night "Yap, yap" and a quick scamper of white woolly Westie was the total contribution from the canine angle. The disappointment was crushing.

in the air at Lochdubh; the story centring on cross-denominational passions of a highly complex nature. A sober sect called The Church of the Stony Path (presumably not identified as Amish, because that would be too like "Hamish" wore Quaker outliss and solemnly tilled the ground. Meanwhile an ashram with finger-cymbals and exotic dancing was led by a colourful, fat, greylocked millionaire called Zoot (Ron Donachies. Donachie, incidentally, had spent Saturday night bound to a chair in The Governor, so it was nice to see him free and flowing like this, after such an ordeal. "Yap. yap", said the new Wee

Jock occasionally. TV John (Raiph Riach) had a good joke at the expense of the gormless McCraes, But although it was still charming and watchable, somehow the magic of Hamish Macbeth had dimmed, and I blame the girl.

Hamish used to be a heartbroken loner whom women loved in vain, like Clint Eastwood in a police woolly. When people addressed him, he squinted at the horizon. thinking thoughts, and grinding the muscles in his bony jaw, as though chewing nuts. But now Alex (Valerie Gogan) keeps fling-ing her arms round his neck like she's drowning, and it doesn't seem right. Alex is not much of a part, actually: she keeps her hair in tip-top condition and alternates between happy flinging and jealous moping. Let's hope she pushes off back to London sharpish, and makes more room for the dog.

t Lynda La Piante's revival of The Governor (ITV) was even less happy; in fact apart from the pleasure of seeing Gerard Murphy as a mad, hos tage-taking inmate. Saturday night's set-up was quite dreadful, even inept, Janet McTeer, with a REVIEW



Lynne Truss

new haircut, had returned from America, She lectured (somewhere) to a group of prison officers siege, while at the same time at her old prison Barlield (somewhere else) a hostage was taken, and people kept saying "Where's the governor?" For about 15 minutes these scenes were intercut without any indication that McTeer was elsewhere: in fact it was easy to So Gerard Murphy went ber-

serk and took a hostage -Donachie, a stalwart of the first series. Resourceful and bossy McTeer arrived, took charge, and guided old deputy Gary (Derek Martin) through successful negotiation procedure. No hitch presented itself, even for the sake of drama. Gerard Murphy was finally coaxed out and led quietly away. and Donachie released. Interestingly, Murphy had caused all this to-do by rigging up a noose, placing it around Donachie's neck and attaching it to the cell door. The fact that this door opened inwards was at no point allowed to interfere with our alarm.

Will McTeer get Barfield again? Well what do you think? Yawns and pillows all round, "Barfield could be up for grabs," Gary told McTeer at the end, but she said pooh-pooh to that, because bogus

assume she was in the same dramatic tension is better than none. "I doubt they'd even have through the gates in her black offroader. The Governor, alas, was an insult to one's intelligence from beginning to end. "Just open the door." I kept saying wearily. "Why don't you just open the door?"

> Tor a while, like most people. I was concerned that all new drama series centred on crime, ounishment and gimmick policemen. In a spirit of sarcasm, I started work on a screenplay in which my police hero perpetually flossed his teeth in a manner to strike fear into lowlife. Flosser of the Yard. I wanted to call it. But things have now reached the point where objection is useless. They say that drowning is pleasant when you stop struggling: down. down you go into the dark blue watery depths, surrounded by ghostly pale-faced detectives and

police helmets and Channel 4's Blue Zone, and little white dogs making muffled "yap, yap" noises with vertical bubble. Dalziel and Pascoe (BBC), Sat-

urday) returned for a second adventure, so of course I watched it. I'm a drowning woman, and there's not much else to do. It was still preposterous and old-fashioned, but this week the story was less sexist, thank God, and the dialogue shone better. Again the puzzle was good enough to keep you guessing. and Warren Clarke's gruff Dalziel was superb, but both weeks the stories have stubbornly remained books-onscreen, which is a problem. Dalziel is a three-dimensional figure against a flat crime-novel landscape, where people swap banal quotations and act like clichès. A student made an assignation for midnight. "You will hear the chimes at midnight," he added, for no good reason at all.

Ze BBC 6 6.00am Business Breakfast (29941) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceelax) (50212)

9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceelax) (6633903) 9.20 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (2076699) 9.45 Kilroy (s) (8883854)# 10.30 Good Morning (s) (6580941)

11.50 Lifeline (r) (Ceelax) (s) (9756854) 12.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (2927019) 12.05pm Turnabout (s) (5333361) 12.30 Going for a Song (48380) 1.00 One O'Clock News (Cealax) and

1.30 Regional News and weather (98863011) 1.40 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (94561477) 2.00 The Great British Country Music

Awards (s) (8249125) 2.40 The Rockford Files (r) (1953854) 3.30 The Busy World of Richard Scarry (s) (6667729) 3.55 Bodger and Badger (s) (5631699) 4.10 The Chipmunks (r) (s) (8885421) 4.35 The Genie from Down Under (Ceetax) (s) (2633748) 5.00

Blue Peter (Ceefax) (s) (1092748) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (333477) 6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather

Newsround (Ceeiax) (3302800) 5.10

6.30 Regional News magazines (187) 7.00 Eureka presented by Matthew Kelly. Henry Cooper tries out a set of collapsible golf clubs (Ceefax) (s) (2090)

7,30 Watchdog. Consumer magazine (Ceetax) (s) (699)

8.00 EastEnders. Grant takes a shine to the baby; Mark pays a visit to the solicitor and Pauline is torn by conflicting duties (Ceefax) (s) (8038) 8.30 Crime Beat, Martyn Lewis reports on some amazing new

gadgets which are helping to reduce car crime (Ceetax) (s) (7545) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceetax), weather

9.30 Panorama. Gavin Hewitt Investigates the apparent increase in recreational drugs among the professional middle

10.10 FiLM: Crash — The Mystery of Flight 1501 (1990) starting Cheryl Ladd, Jeffrey DeMunn and Doug Sheehan. Afterthe crash of a commercial airliner, a woman fights to clear her pilot husband of blame for the accident, Directed by Philip Saville (Ceelax) (156106) N.I.: 10.10 Country Times 10.40 FiLM Crash The Mystery of Flight 1501 12.15-2.00am FILM The George Raft Story WALES: 10.10 A Parent's Guide 10.25 The Shoot 11.05 FILM: Crash: The Myslery of Flight 1501 12.35am FILM: Midnight Cowboy 2.25-2.55 Sense and Sensibility Behind the

11.45 FILM: Midnight Cowboy (1969) starring Oustin Hollman and Jon Voight. The classic tale of a naive Texan cowboy who dreams of finding glamour and adventure in New York, but instead finds sleaze and misery. Directed by John Schlesinger (Ceelax) (638545)

1.30am Sense and Sensibility: Behind the Scenes (r. (93510) 2.00 Weather (6079355)

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BBC2 6.00am Open University: Assessing Chances (9491380) 6.25 Reading the Landscape (7052729)

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (Ceelax and signing) (1597835) 7.30 Stingray (r) (Ceelax) (48477) 8.00 Blue Peter (r) (Ceelax) (s) (15564) 8.30 Songs of Praise (r) (Ceelax) (s)

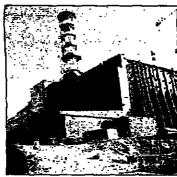
9.05 Daytime on Two: Christianity in Today's World (s) (6630816) 9.25 Movable Feasts (1572019) 9.40 Square One TV (5028816) 10.00 Playdays (s) (4328767) 10.25 Hotch Potch House (s) (9900516) 10.45 Look and Read (s) (5968570) 11.05 Zig Zag (s) (6818212) 11.25 Technology Starters (6610564) 11.40 English Time (s) (4290293) 12.00 History File (s) (18651) 12.30pm Working Lunch (46922) 1.00 History File (s) (82009361) 1.20 Landmarks (82029125) 1.40 Storytime (s) (94569019) 2.00 Penny Crayon (r) (20317125) 2.10 East

2.15 FILM: Aloha Summer (1988) with Chris Makepeace. A boy grows up while on. holiday in Hawaii. Directed by Tommy Lee Wallace (Ceefax) (380699)

3.55 News (4894090) 4.00 Today's the Day (s) (800) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (212) 5.00 Esther (s) (9516) 5.30 The Village (564)

6.00 Buck Rogers in the 25th Century (r) (775816) 6.45 Tex Avery (301699) 7.00 Young Musicians 96: National

Keyboard Final. The first of five national finals this week from the Birmingham Conservatoire. Pianists Lucy Parham, Ronan O'Hora and Paul Lewis pick one young keyboard player to go forward to the Concerto final (s) (1212)



Chemobyl's Reactor 4 (8.00pm)

8.00 Chemobyl Sarcophagus (Ceelax) (s) (7632)

9.00 The X Files. Mulder and Scully investigate the mysterious case of a military test pilot who disappeared after exhibiting psychotic behaviour (r) (Ceefax) (s) (117090) 9.45 This Life. Drama series about five

college thends who wind up working in the same law tirm and living together. Anna has hopes of rekindling her romance with Mites, but Miles has other ideas(Ceelax) (s) (122583)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceelax) (407106) 11.15 Acting With ... Prunella Scales (Ceelax) (8) (452629) WALES: 11.15 Wales 2006 — the

12.00 Midnight Hour (s) (34794) 12.30am-1.30 The Learning Zone

2.00 The Oscars Live — the 68th Academy Awards, Barry Norman reports live from the star-studded 68th Academy Awards ceremony at the Dorothy Chandler

Pavilion in Los Angeles (s) (7953355)

CHOICE

Horizon: Chernobyl Sarcophagus BBC2, 8,00pm

An extended edition of Horizon marks two anniversaries. It is ten years since the Chemobyl accident and live since an Horizon crew became the first Western television unit to go inside the nuclear reactor. The result of that trip was a prizewinning documentary showing scientists working in levels of radiation that would be considered suicidal in the West. They were looking for missing nuclear fuel and trying to prevent a second explosion. Chernobyl Sarcophagus includes material from the earlier film and brings the story up to date. The reactor building remains dangerous and if the chances of another nuclear explosion have receded, those of a radioactive dust storm have not. A consortium of engineers from Western Europe has proposed a huge concrete cover to make the sarcophagus safe Paying for it is a matter of argument.

Crime Beat: Fast Track BBC1, 8.30pm

Martyn Lewis's series has set out to reassure us that the level of crime in Britain is not as bad as the headlines make out. But with vehicle theft the statistics are against him. A car is broken into every minute and one is stolen every two minutes. The better news is that technology is tighting back. Improved car park security and anti-theft devices should stop cars being taken and a new digital tracking system is being developed which should help the recovery of stolen vehicles. Among initiatives by the police, there is an unlikely success story from Durham and one owing nothing to technology. Under the Car Safe scheme, motorists buy stickers which indicate that they do not use their car at night. If the car is seen being driven, the chances are that it has been pinched.

Cutting Edge: Special Force Channel 4, 9,00pm

police officers by 1997 will be specials, parttimers who have the same powers and wear the same uniform but do the job for nothing. For the Derbyshire Constabulary, which has failed its Home Office inspection three years in a row and is short of money, the specials have been a godsend. Don Dovaston, the Assistant Chief Constable, admits that the force could not manage without them. The film follows the Declaration more results and ments. film follows the Derbyshire specials at work, showing how a cake shop owner, a court clerk and a law student turn themselves into spare-time cops. All say police work gives them a buzz. But their presence is not universally accepted. Professional officers are not enthusiastic about amateurs doing their job after minimal training and there is wider concern that the specials represent inferior policing on the cheap.

BBC2. 11.15pm

Prunella Scales's opening shot to her class of young actors is that comedy is not a discipline to be taken lightly. As she proceeds to demonstrate, it is matter of great subtlety even if the end result seems effortless Masterclasses make good television because they compel us to realise how much goes into a performance. A different inflection here or there can completely after the meaning of a ohrase or sentence. Scales's texts come from Stoppard (Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead) and Pinter (The Birthday Party). Her theme is getting laughs with words, though she does not express it so crudely. Before anything else she entreats her students to ask themselves of their role: who

6.00am GMTV (1308800)

9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (2044090) 9.55 London Today (Teletext) (4305816) 10.00 The Time . . . The Place (s) (8517729) 10.35 This Morning (98569903) 12.20pm Regional News (2916903)

12.30 Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather

12.55 Shortland Street (s) (7778361) 1.25 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (4827552) 2.00 Home and Away (Teletext) (s) (30642545) 2.25 Chain Letters (Teletext) (s) (30654380) 2.50 Letters (Teletext) (s) (30654380) 2.50 Garden Calendar (4257477) 3.20 News 1693075) 3,25 Regional (Teletext) (2043516)

3.30 Rainbow Days (s) (5616380) 3.40 Tots TV (r) (s) (2621835) 3.50 Budgle the Little Helicopter (s) (5627496) 4.05 Scooby Doo (s) (4561748) 4.15 Monster Mania (Teletext) (291816) 4.45 Art Attack (r) (Teletext) (s) (2544800)

5.10 The List (9512651) 5.40 Evening News (Teletext) and weather (779800)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s)

6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (425583) 6.45 Sportsweek (Teletext) (398125)

7.00 Talking Telephone Numbers. Cash-prize game show presented by Phillip Schofield and Emma Forbes (s) (4458)

7.30 Coronation Street, Liz (Beverley Callard) is being watched (Teletext) (767) 8.00 World in Action. An investigation into how government cuts are affecting the future of Britain's firefighting service (Teletext) (s) (3106)



John Thaw as Kavanagh (8.30cm)

8.30 Kavanagh QC, James Kavanagh QC is asked to represent a man who was seriously inlured in an accident, but who has no memory of it. With John Thaw, Ned Sherrin and T.P. McKenna (Teletext) (s) (97187) 10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather

(13106) 10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (62203B) 10.40 The Brits Uncut. An unedited version of this year's Brit Awards (8457632)

12.10am The Powers That Be (5588249) 12.40 Bushell on the Box (s) (1099713) 1.10 Football Extra (5703084)

1.55 Customs Classified (1515133) 2.40 Jones and Jury (s) (4107077)

3.05 FILM: On the Third Day Arrived the Crow (1973) starring Lincoln Tate and William Berger. Spaghettl western about three men searching for their father's killer. Directed by Gjanni Crea (3505620) 4.30 The Time . . . the Place (r) (s) (69065) 5.00 An Invitation to Remember Sir Anthony

Quale (r) (44268) 5.30 Morning News (39249) **"我们就是不是对你** As HTV WEST except: 2.50pm-3.20 Cooking at

(4257477) 5.10-5.40 Ready Money (9512651) 6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (597125)

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(597125)12.10am Beyond Reality (5588249) 12.40 Football Extra (3060510) 2.40 Film: Panhandle Calibre 38 (9832171) 4.10 Jobfinder (4742317) 5.20 Asian Eye (8778317)

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Deer (94575670) 2.15 FILM: The Eve of St Mark (1944, b/w) starring William Eythe. A Second World War drama about a farmer's boy who sees action in the Philippines. Directed by John M. Stahl (366019)

4.00 Jimmy's (r) (Teletext) (496) 4.30 Countdown (Teletext) (s) (380) 5.00 Keepers of the Kingdoms (r) (Teletext)

6.00 The Cosby Show (r) (Teletext) (545) 6.30 Hollycaks (Teletext) (s) (125) 7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (615380) 7.55 The Slot(958941)

8.00 Go Fishing. John Wilson tempts tench from a Norfolk lake, uses freelining tactics to catch barbel and chub on the River Wensum and then travels to Hampshire to see it salmon in the River Test will take shamp as a balt. (Teletext) (s) (1748) 8.30 The Greatest Profiles of Jayne Torville

and Christopher Dean and the late Bobby Moore. Frances Edmonds and Danny kelly chair the two panels arguing the contenders claims (Teletext) (s) (3583)



Hobby bobbles at work (9.00pm)

9.00 Cutting Edge: Special Force. (Teletext) (s) (2564) 10.00 FILM: Raising Arizona (1987) with Nicotas Cage and Holly Hunter, A childless couple kidnap one of recentlyborn quins Directed by Joel and Ethan Coen (368854) 11.45 The Sandman. An award-winning

animation by Paul Berry in which sound enhances the chilling effect of the images

12.00 The Late Late Show (s) (4641959) 1.05am Dottie. A drama starring Elizabeth Franz as Dottle, an agoraphobic living alone in New York, who has to confron her phobla when she is informed of her estranged sister's illness (r) (5109626)

2.35 FILM: The Unholy Garden (1931, b/w) with Ronald Colman. A gentleman this finds romance and redemption when he hides out in a Saharan hotel specialising in catering for crooks on the run. Directed by George Fitzmaurice (7415423). Ends

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7.00em Boiled Egg and Soldiers (93729) 8.30 Press Your Luck (5806854) 8.50 Love Connection 1,9341941) 9.20 Court TV (6114903) 8.50 The Oprah Wintry Show (1651212) 10.40 Jeopandy (9318922) 11.10 Sally Jessy Raphael (2753293) 12.00 Sertido (67038) 3.00 Court TV (3125) 3.30 The Orest Wintry Show (564180) 4.15 The Oprah Winhey Show (5641800) 4.15 Undun (1696293) 5.00 Star Trek The Next Generation (4477) 8.00 The Simpsons (4495) 6.30 Jeopardyl (2748) 7.00 LAPD (5106) 7.30 M*A*S*H (1632) 8.00 Central (5105) 7.30 MrA-S*H (1632) 8,00 Central Park, West (25105) 9,00 Police Rescue (29870; 10,00 Stat feet, The Nord Generation (16729) 11,00 McNoss Place (83564) 12,00 Late Show with David Letterman (6795161) 12,45am The Umouchables (4293084) 1,30 Daddy Dearest (78336) 2,00-7,00 His Mr. Long Play (1954201) SKY NEWS

News on the hour 9.00 pm free Book Show (88222) 10.10 CBS 9.00 pm free Sportshire (9274) 8,16 CBS 60 Minutes (61008) 11,30 CBS Evening News (53835) 12,30m ABC World News Tonight (55442) 1,30 Tonight with Adam Boutton Replay (78978) 2,10 CBS 60 Minutes (2500317) 3,30 Sy News (41269) 3,30 Parliament Replay (41268) 4,30 CBS Evening News (40065) 5,30 ABC World News Tonight SKY MOVIES

6,00sm The Rossing Twenties (1939) (76011) 8,00 Meet the People (1944)

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(1994) (429715) 3.05 Wizards (1977) (6251794) 4.25 The Man with One Red Shore (1998) SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Waterloo Bridge (1940) (4651) 6.00 Silent Movie (1978) (92187) 8.00 All of Me (1984) (97522) 10.00 No Way Out (1987): With Kevin Costner (8936) 12.00 Frankenstein Crusted Woman (1966) 1.35am-4.15 Kage (668065) 1.35an (1990) (61144065) THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Aladdin and His Magic Lamp (1985) (7602): 8.00 likn In Tin — Hero of the West (1984) (49632): 10.00 Turned Out Nice Again (1941) (83634): 12.00 To See Such Fun (1977) (62563): 2.00pm Reseal Dazzle (1981) (21651): 4.00 Rin Tin Tin — Hero of the West (1954) (6421): 6.00 Broken Piedges (1994) (16187): 8.00 Schimdler's List (1993): Occar-wrong drame (1924): 6348351: 12.55am Terget of Suspicion (1994): (116162): 2.40 Inserts (1975): (450775): 4.35-6.00 Rascal Dazzle (1961): (196846)

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Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.

6.00am Under the Umbreits Tree (70095293) 6.30 Fraggle Rock (60058787) 7.00 The New Adversures of Winner the Pool (53672496) 7.30 Duchales (53651903) 8.00 Chip in Dale Rescue Rangers (91503855) 8.30 The Adventures in Wonderland (91502106) 9.00 War Desney Presents (70005941) 10.00 Under the Umbreits Tree (60049019) 10.30 Fraggle Rock (91516570) 11.00 Muppet Babes (54725903) 11.30 Welcome to Pool Corner (54725903) 11.30 Welcome to Pool Corner (54725903) 11.30 Velocome to Pool Corner (54725903) The Adventures in Wonderland (53657167) The Adventures in Wonderland (53657167) 1.30 Till Mellum to Boogly Creek (1300705200) The Adventures in Wonderland (53671767)
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EUROSPORT 7.30am Golf (7.903) 9.30 Figure Skaring (70458) 11.30 Al Sports (20458) 12.00 Boong (73125) 1.00pen Terms (85458) 3.00 Figure Sketing (24274) 4.00 Live Terms (7829903) 7.55 News (13291) 8.00 Speedworld (13031835) 9.50 Eurosport News (943290) 10.00 Foobsil (53551) 11.00 Europol Magazine (21748) 12.00-12.30em Touring Car (95602)

SKY SPORTS 7.00mm Gillette World Sport Sportal (10532) 7.30 Racing News (39767) 8.00 World of Speed and Besury (38564) 8.30 Powerboal World (37835) 9.00 Aerobics Oz Style (29187) 9.30 Ford Scorpe Golf USA (73390) 12.30pm Ford Scorpe Golf USA (73390) 12.30pm Fortbell Special Menchester Utd v Spus (820390) 9.30 World of Speed and Beauty (5900) 4.00 Roler Hockey (41941) 5.00 Mex Cut (4941) 5.30 Rebet TV (7699) 6.00 Sty Sports Certre (7212) 6.30 Tartan Extra (8564) 7.00 Ford Escort Mondey Mighl Football South-amption v Covenity (12922212) 10.15 PFA Awerds (147918) 11.15 Styl Sports Centre (744458) 11.45 Bushado — the Ultimate Fight (175699) 12.45em Tartan Extra (497792) 1.15 Ford Escort Mondey Mighl Football South-amption v Coventry (443881) 2.15 PFA Awards (344341) 4.15-4.45 Styl Sports Centre (308539) Sivile (28187) 9,30 Ford Scorpus Golf USA

SKY SPORTS GOLD 19,00pm Pots of Gold (2291835) 10,30 Classic Grand Nationals (7484106) 11,30-1,00em Bobby Charlton's Football Scrap-book (8944831)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL 4.00am Living Word 5.00 Kenneth Copeland 5.30 Kidz TV 5.45 General Enlartamment 6.15 UII Exman 6.45-7.00 Music Television

SKY SOAP 7.00em Guiding Light (\$858748) 7.58 As the World Turns (6747380) 8.50 Poyton Place (6004729) 9.20 Days of Our Lines (7166748) 10.10-11.00 Another World SKY TRAVEL

11.00em Globetrotter (418/7922) 11.30 Australie (4542106) 12.30pm Bruce (9543922) 1.00 Gettwey (1782903) 1.30 Great Escapes (954293) 2.00 Traibide (4170361) 2.30 Dire the World (204516) 3.00 Globetrotter (4199496) 3.30 Around the World (7920459) 3.85-4.00 Holiday Stroy (45772496)



THE HISTORY CHANNEL 1.00pm D-Day (4178274) 5.00 The Red Empire (4180749) 8.00-7.00 Biography THE SCIFT CHANNEL

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BUSINESS EDITOR LINDSAY COOK

Labour to drop compulsory training levy in favour of incentives *

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INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITAIN'S small businesses will be offered grant incentives to train their employees by a future Labour government under proposals to be unveiled this week. Labour's new plans on training - which include scrapping the party's commitment to a compulsory training levy — will create

individual learning accounts (ILAs) for at least a million employees, to which they, firms and the Government will contribute. Labour's training plans, contained in a document called Skills Revolution which

will go before the party's National lor, will also make mention of Labour's Executive Committee on Wednesday be new training policy, which has been fore being published the next day, are causing controversy within the party because they formally abandon its longstanding policy of promoting industrial training by means of a levy on businesses.

The party's move comes as it mounts a new push today on job security, disclosing new figures that detail the largely insecure and low-paid jobs taken by those unemployed people who get back into work — challenging the Government's record on people moving back into jobs. Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chanceldrawn up largely by Stephen Byers, the party's training spokesman.

Labour has until now maintained its support for a levy even after the Government scrapped most of the levy-based industrial training boards. While Labour's policy document says that most of these boards were partial and that training in Britain performed less well under them than in countries such as Germany, it does include a commitment to keep the levy in the two industrial

construction which still both have train-ing boards and maintain a levy system. Labour's Skills Revolution will say that

seven million people in Britain have no qualifications, while official figures show that a third of small businesses last year had hard-to-fill job vacancies. In trying to address such skills gaps, Labour will say the penalty-based levy system is no longer appropriate. It will instead propose two measures: the introduction of ILAs and the use of the Investors in People standard as a prerequisite for businesses that apply

for government grants.

Every individual will be able to open a

employers will be able to contribute.

Labour believes that this move will prompt people to increase constantly their own skills; opponents say it will be taken up largely by well-off, secure and sophisticated employees. Some unions will oppose scrapping the levy, although Labour leaders have been trying to limit opposition using behind-the-scenes persuasion.

A future Labour government will contribute to ILAs from money currently used for some administration in the budgets of Training and Enterprise Councils

voluntary ILA, which will be granted tax to make what the document calls a signif-relief at a level to be decided and to which icant contribution to individuals' ILAs.

Labour will offer an incentive to companies to train staff by linking availability of grants to the Investors in People standard, which will in turn be more formally linked to training.
Companies which achieve IIP standards

will be eligible for government grant aid. Labour will consult widely on its proposals, with the aim of producing a final version in June to go before its party conference in the autumn.

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BAe leads race for \$2bn Fokker orders

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

BRITISH AEROSPACE is front-runner to win up to \$2 billion of orders for regional jets after the collapse of Fokker, the Dutch plane-

With production of the Fokker 70- and 110-seat planes set to halt, once 15 on the assembly line are completed, airlines will be looking elsewhere for up to 40 remaining jets that were ordered from the Dutch manufacturer.

At the same time, Avro, BAe's subsidiary, will be bidding its RJ "whisper jet" to provide new fleets for British Airways; KLM, the Dutch national carrier, and Eurowings. Phipps, managing director of its German partner airline. Phipps, managing director of PEL Aviation Services, an air-

A NEW generation of "smart"

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RAF in a £2 billion upgrade

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new systems, a tank-busting

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July. Final bids for an ad-

vanced air-to-air missile are

due by June, with an order

expected early next year. For

before the next election.

These airlines are all expected to announce orders by mid-summer for up to 60 more regional jets to provide feeder services carrying passengers to and from "hub" airports to catch long-haul flights. Efforts by the British manu-

facturer to push up prices and rebuild profit margins by restricting production could hold back sales. Avro has been building just 18 regional jets a year, half the number produced by Fokker, although it has ample capacity to increase output if prices make it worthwhile

But according to Michael

RAF to buy new generation

missiles in £2bn upgrade

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

The introduction of the nev

type of missiles is a direct

result of the lessons learned

craft broker, plentiful supplies of slightly larger second-hand aircraft, such as the Boeing 737-500 and McDonnell Douglas MD30, will restrict the ability of Avro and AIR, its Anglo-French/Italian marketing and support operation, to

corner the market. Fleet expansion plans of several leading European car-riers have been thrown into uncertainty by Fokker's collapse. Alitalia had ordered 14 Fokker 70 jets to underpin an ambitious expansion drive by its Avianova subsidiary. Only four have been delivered, and it expects to receive no more

review. One option may be to surrender the leases and turn instead to Avro, which had offered a substantial work package to Alenia, the Italian state-controlled planemaker, as part of its rival bid for the

British Midland had ordered four 64-seat F70 planes to complement the four F-100s and three F70s in its fleet. Now it expects to receive two Fl00s but is determined to renegotiate the leases to take account plummeting residual

Air UK, 45 per cent owned by KLM, has 11 Fokker 100 planes and Il BAe 146 jets. If KLM chooses the Avro, as Lufthansa, Swissair and its associate Sabena have, then Air UK may consolidate on the

BA had also invited Fokker to bid, along with Avro, Boeing, Airbus and McDonnell Douglas, for a contract for up to 60 planes in the 80-, 100and 120-seat types.

Leasing experts believe airlines that already have large numbers of Fokker 100 and Fokker 70 jets in their fleets may now seek to mop up available aircraft, while those who have invested less in fleet support may switch to other types. American Airlines, the larg-

est Fokker operator with 75 older F28s, are believed to have have been leading airline demands for the Dutch Government to ensure continuing maintenance and certification

Saab Aircraft, the Swedish approvals from the world's aviation authorities.



The Digital Video Disc made its UK debut yesterday at the Electrical Retailing Show. Toshiba was first to exhibit but will be joined in the market by others. John Bennigsen, managing director of Toshiba UK. is seen with one of the discs. Although it looks like an ordinary CD, it can store both feature films and soundtracks on the same disc.

Barclays to cut 1,000 jobs

BARCLAYS BANK is expected to launch a new Voluntary redundancy scheme today with the aim of cutting up to 1,000 jobs at

ningham writes). The bank is looking for people to leave voluntarily to end a surplus of manage rial and clerical jobs. A similar scheme for branch staff last year was oversub-

scribed. The latest move will come just a week after Barclays told 500 staff in 13 regional offices that their jobs would be going. In that case it said it was looking at redeployment, voluntary redundan-cy and, possibly, some compulsory redundancies.

US victory for Lloyd's

By Christine Buckley and Sarah Bagnall

LLOYD'S OF LONDON has market has big exposure to is agreed — or not — in the gained a breathing space in huge amount of funds to policyholders.

A standstill agreement in Louisiana marks the first victory by the insurance market against action by several US regulatory authorities seeking to stall payment from US They argue that

Lloyd's fraudulently sold securities in its insurance syndicates. There are about 2,700 US names facing losses esti-mated at about \$2 billion.

Lloyd's reached agreement with two regulatory authorities in Louisiana, where the

hurricane damage. With Cali- summer. Action against its the United States to stave off fornia, where the department operations could still be made: lawsuit to freeze the \$10 billion US trust fund from which Lloyd's pays claims, Louisiana

> Jim Brown, Lloyd's insurance commissioner, said: This is the first agreement of its kind in the US. We hope it forms a model to be used in other states to allow Lloyd's to continue paying claims to pol-icyholders while issues with

is a crucial region for Lloyd's.

gulators are worked out." Lloyd's has secured the agreement of the authorities in Louisiana until its reconstruction and renewal programme

The Department of Trade and Industry is ready to appoint insolvency practitioners if the £2.8 billion settlement offer made to names is not accepted. The department. which is also charged with licensing Equitas, the reinsurance company being formed to take on the risks of policies. written in 1992 and earlier, has a contingency scheme ready should the settlement not be approved and Lloyd's_d London is adjudged insolvent

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the first time, an Israeli missile system, called Popeye, is being considered for a conof US cruise missiles. tract, worth £650 million. The three new missile sys-

tems will dramatically improve RAF air crews' chances of surviving bombing missions because they will be from a safe "stand-off" range.

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types of air-launched cruise issile, to match the Royal Navy's purchase of the US

British Aerospace, which has teamed up with Matra of France, has bid with a missile called Storm Shadow, based on Matra's existing Apache. GEC Marconi Dynamics is offering a weapon called Pegasus and two of the American systems are Hughes's Airhawk and McDonnell Doug-

of the hundreds of Fokker aircraft in service. turbo-prop builder, has confirmed talks with the administrators about taking over the maintenance and engineering operation, but may demand some state support for the costly process of maintaining

Mackay expected to go as Inchcape profits slump

By PHILIP PANGALOS

INCHCAPE, the beleaguered motors-to-services group, is today expected to accompany a slump in full-year profits with news that Charles Mackay will step down as the company's chief executive. His departure is thought to

be part of a shake-up instigat-ed by Sir Colin Marshall, the new non-executive chairman. Mr Mackay has served on Inchcape's board for ten years and became chief executive in 1991. He is on a two-year contract worth £380,000 per annum, and will be entitled to nearly £800,000 severance pay. It is understood that Philip Cushing, managing di-rector, will today be confirmed



Mackay: two-year contract

as Mr Mackay's successor. Sir Colin is also expected to announce details of future strategy. This will probably include more details about the float of

Bain Hogg, Inchcape's insur-ance broking arm. Analysts had been talking of a possible flotation within a couple of years, valued at an estimated £250-£300 million. Industry experts do not ex-

pect any more job cuts among Inchcape's 48,000 employees. The 2,000 job losses already announced led to a £64 million provision at the interim stage. although analysts are not ruling out further provisions. A spokesman for Incheape refused to comment on any of the speculation surrounding the company.

A dividend cut is likely to accompany today's final prof-

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Leamington strikes it rich

By Sarah Cunningham

ROYAL Learnington Spa is Britain's most profitable town, according to a survey out today. Grimsby, which came first last year, has plummeted to 63rd place.

In Learnington, all but 4 per cent of businesses made a profit. The town came out of nowhere to take the top place; it did not figure in the survey last year because it had fewer than 50 large firms, the minimum needed for inclusion.

Sadly for Grimsby, while

last year 89.5 per cent of its top

companies made a profit, this

year the percentage was down

to 80.9. Philip Mellor, a senior analyst with Dun & Bradstreet, who conducted the survey, said that Grimsby's reliance on the fishing industry, which is going through a difficult patch, had damaged

its companies' profitability. Learnington, by contrast, has moved away from its heavy reliance on the motor industry, the decline of which saw thousands of jobs disappear in the 1980s. It now has a wide range of

service and manufacturing

companies. Improved com-

munication links have also

helped. There is no secret to its success, Mr Mellor said, "Learnington has a good blend of industry and commerce. It has the Midlands to its north and the M40 connecting it to the south." Other towns to do well in

the survey were Grays, liford. Kidderminster, Chester and Huddersfield. In all of them. more than nine out of ten companies made a profit. The most profitable region

was Northern Ireland, while Dyfed was the best county.

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